

Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

GOVERNOR - LAURIE FRASER'S MESSAGE



Hello Alabama Pilots!

Many of us just returned from the Pilot International Convention in Denver, CO. Due to flight issues and COVID, our return may have been less than optimum, but the time we shared during Convention was packed with fun and information for the coming year. It was such a privilege to attend as your representative for our District. Denver is a beautiful area with a lot to see. We got right down to business on bylaws, of which most were sent back for reconsideration. We had conversations that were much needed before they were sent back. This was a good session. We have a new BrainMinders™ puppet - a bunny named Ricardo. I can't wait to see the new skits with him. The speakers were motivational, many from the Bahamas. The flag ceremony is always my favorite, and it did not disappoint.

As we were doing the installation of Governors, the responsibility and honor hit me right in the heart. I've known what an honor this was from the start, but as they were asking us to say, I Will, it just got very real. I appreciate your trust in me and will do my very best to live up to it. Here's to 2024-2025 Pilot year! May it be a year of

Do More, Care More, and Be More!

And remember...YOU are Amazing!

Laurie



ALABAMA DISTRICT PILOT INTERNATIONAL 2024-2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 2-3, 2024, Fall Council, Hampton Inn, Orange Beach, AL
- March 7-9, 2025, Anchor Convention Embassy Downtown Montgomery, AL
- April 24-27, 2025, District Convention Embassy Downtown Montgomery, AL



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GOVERNOR-ELECT – LISA PATTERSON



Greetings!

Thank you for the opportunity to represent our AWESOME Alabama District at the Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference.

One of the many highlights was hearing from the founder of GLOPALS and taking part in the PI Service Project where we completed Pick Me Up bags for autistic children.



Hagan Walker and Anna Barker were budding entrepreneurs in Mississippi State University's Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach when they hit on an innovative technology that generated light when mixed with liquid. They leveraged the discovery to create colorful cubes that, when dropped in liquid, light up in bright party colors. What began as a college senior project has led to an innovative startup company partnering with Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind Sesame Street, to light up lives through creativity, technology and philanthropy. Glo, based in Starkville, Miss., is an imaginative toy recognized as the Gold Award winner in the 2020 Mom's Choice Awards. Glo inspires sensory play as it brightens play and bath time for children, particularly those with autism.

Pilot, Compass and Anchor members completed two gift bags containing a water-activated Light-Up Sensory toy along with several additional sensory items. One of the two bags was donated to The Colorado Autism Society, and the other was to keep and donate in your area.

We also heard from Blake Hyland and his amazing story of recovery after suffering a traumatic brain injury. Check out "Hi, I'm Blake on Amazon Prime.

In Pilot Service & Friendship,
Lisa

Email: lbpatterson72@gmail.com or

Text: 334-804-7201

WEBMASTER - LISA PATTERSON

Pilots,

It's time for the ever-changing Annual Club Rosters to be sent to me. If you will please send me the email of the person responsible for editing and sending your roster, I will email a word format to be used. This will allow Roster consistency across the district. Please send the completed roster back to me in the word format. This will allow me to make changes for you as the year progresses and you add new members OR you can continue to make the needed changes and send it to me again. Either will be fine.

In Pilot Service,
Lisa

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TREASURER - KAY CHANDLER

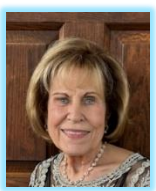
What a wonderful Convention and Conference in Denver. Our Alabama District were few, but we were mighty! Thank you to the Alabama District for allowing me to attend the Council of Leaders and the Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference. I just wish all of you could have been there!

The Treasurer's Workshop had much information. Just a friendly reminder that you need to be sure and file your tax forms by November 15, 2024. The District Anchor, TBI and Pilot Financial Records have been sent to the audit committee, and the 4th Quarter Financial Statement has been posted on our [web site](#).

You will be hearing from your DCR, (District Council Representative), to schedule a meeting for a visit to your club with a list of all the items she needs; budgets (if not in your Yearbook), Plans of Work, Yearbooks, Standing Rules (if not in your Yearbook); audit report; and your clubs current plans of activities and goals/objectives. I hope growing our membership will be your number one goal!!!

You will find the Fall Council Registration and First Call in this bulletin. We have some exciting plans so please mark your calendar for November 2-3, 2024, and meet us at the Beach! Together Pilots can accomplish anything! Thank you for all you do for Pilot!

Kay Chandler, Treasurer



SECRETARY - MOLLIE RILEY

Hello, My Pilot Family!

What an Amazing Pilot International week it was. We had an Awesome turnout of Alabama Pilots who came to PI. It was wonderful to see you all.

President Holly Baker had excellent guest speakers. A very touching story from Blake Hyland, who has a brain injury, tells us how he is overcoming his life challenges. Hagan Walker with GLOPALS toys that he makes for special needs children, and my favorite speaker, Dustin James. He is a motivational powerhouse speaker, and listening to him, there is nothing as a Pilot we cannot do. He discussed how to help organizations build resilient, connected, and creative leaders. He takes energy and engagement to an entirely different level. I learned to do this from him: get up in the morning, go to the mirror, look at yourself, and say this: I am AMAZING.

The workshops at PI were a revelation. I gained invaluable insights into using different tools for secretary, membership, branding, and overall leadership. The best workshops I've ever attended, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as your district secretary and represent the Alabama District. I look forward to applying what I've learned to be a better Pilot.

Remember this: As **Pilots**, **WE ARE AMAZING**, and we are going to have an **AMAZING** year.

Hugs, with Pilot Love,
Mollie Riley



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INSPIRATIONAL LEADER - NADEEN IVORY

PILOT CARES & CONCERNS

"If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God." Quoted by George MacDonald.

I am sure all Clubs have installed new Officers for 2024-2025 and have begun work. Those that attended PI Convention can write a book. Now it is time to focus on being
Pilots In Action.

Please keep our Pilots Clubs, Members, and Families who have lost a loved one in your prayers. Also pray for healing for those that had surgery.

- * PC of Dothan, Linda Hand's mother had surgery on July 7, 2024, please pray she has a speedy recovery.
- * PC of Lee County, Maria Traylor, Maria's Husband Phillip, passed on Thursday July 11, 2024. Service was held on July 16, 2024. Please keep Maria and family in your prayers.
- * PC of Andalusia, Mary Lee Howard, Member of Pilot Club of Andalusia for 44 years, Inspirational Leader, and Friend to many, passed July 19, 2024. Celebration of Life was held on July 22, 2024. She will be truly missed. Please keep the Pilot Club of Andalusia and her family in prayer.
- * Please keep all our Pilot Sisters who have returned from convention ill, Suzanne Kendra, Karene Henson, Barbara Milligan, Laurie Fraser and others that may have COVID and will be diagnosed this week. Please pray for their quick recovery.
- * PC of Demopolis, Eleanor and Harold Park are the proud great Grandparents to a beautiful great Granddaughter, Sutton Eloise Green, born on Thursday, July 18, to LeAnn and Hal Green. She was welcomed by her brother, Elliot and her grandparents, Loraine and Duane Andrew and Tracy and Hardy Green.
- * School is about to begin, pray for Students, Teachers, and Administrators that they will have a very successful school year.
- * Pray for All Graduates who are going to begin a new college life.

FAITH STEPS: Make it a point to pray for someone you've not yet met, a future friend, Co-Worker, for yourself or a loved one, or the new school Year's teachers and see how your Faith Changes.

Please send any prayer requests or celebrations to nivory2055@att.net

DO MORE, CARE MORE, BE MORE!

Nadeen Ivory



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ECR – LISA PALMQUIST



The 2024 Pilot International Leadership Conference and Convention is now over. Training occurred at all levels of the Organization with Clubs and Districts preparing for the new year ahead. The Council of Leaders had two dynamic speakers, K. Darron Turnquest and Craig Tony Gomez, on the topics of Mental Health and Volunteerism. Convention speakers included Dustin James (Motivational Speaker), Blake Hyland with his parents (Pat and Cindy with the “Hi, I’m Blake” story) and Hagan Walker (with his life experiences and service project). There was so much to learn with dynamic workshops and overall training. As usual, the Anchor Cultural Exchange was excellent!

President Holly set the standard with her “One Matters” theme and had a stellar year! Awards were given out to club representatives with **Avaline Adams**, of the Georgia District, winning the **Lucy B. Allen Award** and **Stephanie Ferguson**, of the Bahamas District, winning the **Pearl Sparks Awards**. The **Lifetime Achievement award** went to Past International President **Deborah Archer!** Next year, be sure to submit entries for all these coveted awards.

This year, President Nicki has as her theme, **“All Aboard! Leaving No Pilot Behind”**.

This refers to past, current and future Pilots. Pilots need to check on the seasoned members to ensure that they are engaged, check on the existing members to ensure that they are engaged and find our future members and get them engaged!



Remember the challenge to all clubs, is to charter one Anchor Club and one Compass Club this year. Let us begin right away! This will increase the membership numbers and will help to grow Pilot! Start right away with your newspaper, television and radio shows so that at the end of the year, Pilot will no longer be, “the best kept secret”.

Several deadlines are coming up. The Pick Me Up and the Helmet Grants are due on September 15, 2024. Please submit your entries by the deadline and remember to fill out your forms properly and get them signed so that your club’s application is not disqualified. Send your pictures or writeups to PI Headquarters so that they can be placed on the website. The links to these grant applications are below:

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/members/apply-for-grants-and-scholarships>

Prepare for PI Ambassador this month. Choose your ambassador carefully and honour them with a special event or moment. They are special to us and remember to get your contributions to PI by the end of the month to ensure they are listed in the Pilot Log. President Nicki has a rigorous year planned for Pilot. Let us do our part with all the projects, fundraisers, PMUs, training, as well as increasing our membership numbers and let us make Pilot fun again!

In Pilot Friendship and Love,

Lisa

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ANCHOR - SUZANNE KENDRA

Anchors from Geneva and Guntersville represented the Alabama District at the International Summit in Denver. All four district officers were in attendance. They enjoyed participating in leadership workshops, cultural exchange, cultural excursion, international project, and hearing 3 wonderful speakers.

President Elle Harris, from Geneva High School, was selected to be on the **Anchor panel** during the president's breakfast. **President Elect Ella Beth Kirkland**, from Guntersville High School, accepted the **2nd place awards for small Club of the Year and Pick Me Up**. **Director Ella Kate Smith**, from Guntersville Middle School, accepted the **2nd place awards for large Club of the Year and Pick Me Up**.

Anchor Summit was a great bonding experience. There were many friendships made among the Anchors and with Pilots. I personally saw a lot of leadership growth in many returning Anchors. The Alabama Anchor officers are looking forward to planning a great 2025 District Convention.

Suzanne



COMPASS – MAGGIE MASH

LBW Compass Club President Kassidy Lee of Andalusia, Rhian Grayson of Greenville, and Kayley Peebles of Red Level attended the 102nd Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center.

Sponsored by the Pilot Club of Andalusia, Kassidy, Rhian and Kayley along with advisor Maggie, participated in 'Compass Con', the portion of the conference specifically for Compass members. They were selected to present the Compass International flag during the opening convention ceremony.

Throughout the convention they had tailored sessions related to mental health, leadership, projects and fundraisers. Most notably, they were invited to serve on the Compass Panel during the convention in which they spoke about how Compass has impacted their lives and offered suggestions for recruitment, outreach and partnerships.

For more information on the Covington County Compass Club at LBW Community College, please contact advisor, Maggie Mash at maggie@lbwcc.edu.



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ALABAMA DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR – BARBARA FLAGLORE MILLIGAN

Almost 103 years ago, Elizabeth Leonard and 40 businesswomen from Macon, Georgia had a dream to establish a service organization eligible for women, to make their communities a better place through friendship and service. Women had just won the right to vote and it was time. Last week, our PI Convention took place in Denver, CO and some serious statistics were unfolded to the attendees. Pilot clubs are declining at a faster rate than its growth and if it continues at the same rate everything our founders worked for could be in vain. We all work hard for Pilot because we believe in the original mission. Nicki Dawkins, our PI President, has given all districts a challenge as we fight to keep our mission alive. Our goal is to increase membership, and our challenge is for each member to introduce two new people to Pilot by inviting them to Share Pilot, a productive business meeting or an event. We are a service club and although we have opportunities to help all people, we especially focus on those affected by brain related diseases, disorders and injuries. We expect our members to be supportive workers for this mission. As our Alabama District Membership Coordinator, I will be meeting with the 4 Membership Appointees within the next few weeks with an outline and we will brainstorm our ideas together and form a plan of action one step at a time. We will be gathering our data to produce a professional Alabama District Video to present Who We Are and What We Do. What can you ALL do in preparation for this task? You can begin by sorting out your quality digital photos into folders or albums with your club name, dates and descriptions for when we need them. We can meet this challenge together, because We Are Pilots, and WE ARE AMAZING!

PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS' FUND – MARY BALLARD

Choosing a **PI Club Ambassador(s)** is a way to honor club members who actively support Pilot International projects such as Brain Safety as well as supporting caregivers and First Responders.

Your candidate should be faithful in attending club meetings along with being an active volunteer in club projects. Ambassadors are the members of your club that highlight what it means to *Do More, Care More, Be More.*

August is the month to make your club's selection for their ambassador. You may do this by accepting nominations through a member vote or committee selection. Once your ambassador(s) is/are chosen, mail in a \$25.00 donation to PI Headquarters and download the Ambassador certificate from the [PI website](#). The donation supports the Safe Harbor Fund.

2024 FALL COUNCIL

November 2-3, 2024

1st Call

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

MARKETPLACE

PURSES FOR PEARL

BASKET RAFFLE

WORKSHOPS

BANQUET

FREE BREAKFAST



Hampton Inn - Orange Beach, AL

- Deadline for hotel reservations is
- Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Hotel reservations to be made directly via the internet with the hotel room reservation department OR by calling 1-800-HAMPTON. Group Code: DPI

FALL COUNCIL REGISTRATION FORM

November 2-3, 2024
Hampton Inn & Suites
Orange Beach, AL

*For District Treasurer's Use
ONLY*

Check rec'd _____
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Ck. #: _____
Deposit Date: _____

Pilot Club of _____

President's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

| # Years in Pilot | Name of Person Registering | Past Gov. | First Timer | Other Pilot | Full Reg | Guest Dinner Only |
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Total number of **full registrations** () @ \$75.00 = _____
 Total number of **banquet only** () @ \$50.00 = _____
 Total number of **Market Place tables** () @ \$15.00 = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE and ENCLOSED: \$ _____

- Friday night social activities
- Marketplace Saturday Morning
- Saturday Banquet included in FULL Registration.
- Deadline for Fall Council registration is **Wednesday, October 16, 2024.**
 One check per club, payable to Alabama District, PI, must accompany this registration form.
 Mail to: Kay Chandler, Treasurer
 Alabama District, Pilot International
 104 Jackson Way
 Decatur, AL 35603
- Deadline for hotel reservations is **Tuesday, September 24, 2024.**
 Hotel reservations will be made: Directly by the attendee via the internet with the hotel room reservation department or by calling the toll-free number **1-800-HAMPTON. Group Code: DPI**
- The Governor must receive any refund request by, (October 26, 2024) five days prior to Fall Council to be considered.