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President's Message- Mamie Patton

Hey Anchors!

I hope all of you have had a great kick off to the new year. The month of February is the month of love. Show your love for your school and community through service projects and activities with your club. The district officers and I have been hard at work planning our very first virtual convention. Some activities to look forward to are the "Do More" workshop; the awards presentation; and our keynote speaker, comedian Jody Fuller. We are going to have a blast! I am so excited to see all of you in March.

Your Anchor friend,
Mamie Patton

Traumatic Brain Injury Camp

The Alabama District TBI Camp will be April 9-11 at Camp ASCCA in Jackson Gap, Alabama. Due to Covid, the number of campers, Pilots and Anchors will be limited. Anchors are invited to attend on Saturday, April 10 and the cost is \$10.00. A registration form will be attached to the email and can also be found on the district website. If you have any questions, contact Kay Chandler @ misskay311@aol.com

Attending TBI Camp is a great way to meet Anchors from other clubs while playing a major role in camp activities with the campers and the care givers. TBI is an awesome experience for everyone who attends!

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.



ANCHOR CONVENTION

Anchor Convention is March 6 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom! Everyone will receive a link prior to the event. We are encouraging "watch parties" and hope that some schools that don't normally attend convention will join us for a few hours.

BUSINESS- There will be 1 item of business (budget), so we will need to get club delegate names from everyone attending. A form is attached.

SWAG BAGS – The DAAC wants to provide a little surprise for each club attending. In order to fill the bags and get them mailed prior to convention, advisors will need to send a head count to Suzanne by February 12. You can always add more attendees after this date, but everyone may not receive "swag".

ICE BREAKER – The DAAC has some great ideas for virtual ice breakers. You will receive more information about this next month. Your club will want to be prepared for this fun event!

DO MORE – PROJECT WORKSHOP - Each club participating in the virtual convention will be asked to make a 3-5 minute presentation about your favorite project. This presentation will give clubs ideas to use for future projects and will also give your club a chance to participate in our convention.

AWARDS PRESENTATION – Who doesn't like a little competition? It would be wonderful to have every club enter at least 1 award this year. It only takes about 30 minutes to put an entry together. The deadline to mail the entries is February 4. Divide them up among members and see what you can come up with.

OFFICER INSTALLATION - Yes, we will have one! We've got a great group of girls that have stepped up and accepted the challenge to serve the Alabama District next year!

SPEAKERS – There will be 2 keynote speakers this year. Our opening speaker will be Jody Fuller. Jody is a comic, speaker, writer, and soldier with three tours of duty in Iraq. He is also a lifetime stutterer. Alabama Magazine selected Jody as one of Alabama's top 40 men and women over the age of 40 whose lives and careers are characterized by great levels of giving and achievement. He was also named as "one of the 15 Southern stand-up comedians that will make you laugh 'til you cry" by "It's a Southern Thing."

Our other speaker will be from Camp-Smile-A-Mile, which is our district project. The DAAC hopes to travel to Birmingham next month to present our donation in person.

MARKETING - The DAAC will be making videos promoting the convention. These will be posted on our Facebook and NEW Instagram page. Follow us @ alanchorclub!



Guntersville High School Anchor Club made bouquets of flowers for Pick Me Ups and put them on cars all over the city.



Guntersville Middle School Anchor Club made 4 Boxes of Sunshine and presented them to Guntersville Police Department, Guntersville Electric Board and the ICU staff and both Marshall Medical Centers.



Hoke's Bluff's newest Anchor will be preparing for an upcoming triathlon. He may not be able to walk but he and others will get to participate in the running, biking, and kayaking. The AXIOM chairs and equipment to adapt the bike and kayak will be provided by the Hokes Bluff Anchors!