



"Anchors Aweigh"

2011 - 2012 DISTRICT OFFICERS

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A Message From Your President

I am Eli Black, your 2011-2012 Georgia District Anchor President! I hope your summer has been great. I know mine has. My Anchor Club has started off the school year with a project in which we did the BrainMinder Buddies Puppet Show at our county's annual Fun Day. Also, the Georgia District officers have already been busy working on your convention for this upcoming year. We have many fun activities, themes, and good speakers planned for the convention. I encourage everyone to attend the convention this year because it will be the best one yet. I also want to ask everyone to please participate in the service projects that their Anchor Club has to offer and if you have some other ideas for volunteer work then talk to your Anchor advisor and turn your thoughts into actions! Have a great school year and I look forward to seeing you at convention!

Best Regards,
Eli Black
President



Bio

Eli Black, President
Senior
Rabun County High School

Activities

Anchor Club President
National Honor Society Vice President
Tri-M Music Honor Society President
Reading Club President
Spanish Club President
Band Captain
Encore and Musical Theater Pianist
Upper 5%

Activities Outside of School

Pianist at church
Soccer Referee
Animal Shelter Volunteer
Elementary School Volunteer
Tutor

Other

Governor's Honors Nominee
Georgia Boys State Delegate Recipient
Washington Youth Tour Nominee
Woodmen of the World Recipient
Georgia Merit Scholar
AP World History Medal Recipient
Spanish Two and Three Certificate

ANCHOR 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 those, as gleams from the Lighthouse of Truth, are 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 misunderstanding and the angry winds of injustice we will cast our Anchor of courage, wisdom, and trust to hold us fast.



Let's Meet Our New Anchor Board...

Bio

Karina Loera, President-Elect
Junior
West Laurens High School

Activities

I participate in band as a flute player and I did drama club for two years. I am now a participant of the G.A.M.E.S program at Middle Georgia College, a dual enrollment program in Cochran, Georgia. I will have my associate's degree by the time I graduate as a raider. I am planning on joining GYSP and SoCo while attending Middle Georgia; these clubs focus on helping others and participating in many community service projects. One of these projects would be giving canned food items to churches throughout Cochran. SoCo will allow me to participate in activities located on campus, which include the blood drive, a haunted house fundraiser, and G.A.M.E.S prom organization. These activities will give me great experience for leadership and help me build my social skills towards others.



Bio

Jeff Ballance, Secretary
Senior
West Laurens High School

Activities

Anchor Club President
Band Drum Major
Middle School Band Intern
Indoor Percussion

Activities outside school:

Mercer Macon Symphony Youth Orchestra
Praise Band

Other Things About Me: I take lessons in saxophone, piano and conducting. I plan to be a music ed major in college.



Bio

Christina Burgess, Convention Chair
Senior
John Milledge High School

Activities

Anchor Club President
National Honor Society
Senior Beta Club
Spanish Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Teen Trendsetters Mentoring
Captain of Cheerleading/Competition Squad
Varsity Soccer
Joint Enrolled

Activities outside school:

Younglife
Working at Bojo's



Bio

Claire Lippy, NW Region Chair
Senior
Tucker High School

Activities

Vice President of NHS
Co-President of Habitat for Humanity
Yearbook Editor
Beta Club
Anchor Club Vice President
Varsity Soccer Team Captain
Varsity Swim Team

Activities outside school:

Club soccer
Church youth group
Coaching a U8 girl's soccer team

Other Things About Me: I like hiking, camping and love napping in my hammock. I also love doing mission work and build for Habitat.



Bio

Joycelyn Johnson, WC Region Chair
Hutchings Career Center

Activities

Anchor Club
HOSA

Activities outside school:

Sing in the adult and youth choir in church
Praise dance team
Usher

Other Things About Me: I'm 18, I love to dance, play the piano for fun, sing, draw, write poems, and stories, i love to baby-sit young kids and help others.





Let's Meet Our New Anchor Board...

Bio

Caroline Warren, EC Region Chair
Junior
West Laurens High School



Activities

Anchor Club President-Elect
Beta Club
Laurens Youth Leadership
Marching and Concert Band
Drum Major – West Laurens Raider Brigade
Honor Roll

Activities outside school:

Member of Dudley Baptist Church and The Student Life Ministry

Other Things About Me: I also dance tap and lyrical. Play the clarinet and love to paint and art.

Bio

Hi, my name is Hannah Williams and I am your 2011-2012 Southwest Region Chair. I am 17 years old, I live in Bainbridge, GA, and I attend Bainbridge High School. For fun, I teach Zumba with my mother at our local YMCA, I run, and I play soccer. I also enjoy spending time with my friends and family. At my school, I am involved in Anchor Club, of course, Cats For Youth, NHS, Spanish Club, Spanish National Honor Society, Debate Team, and Diamond Dolls. I plan to attend Baylor University or the University of Georgia in the Fall. I plan to specialize in Vascular Biology and become a vascular surgeon. I love being a part of Anchor Club because it gives all of its members an opportunity to make a difference in their community!



Bio

Cortney Arp, NE Region Chair
Senior
Franklin County High School



Activities

Anchor Club President
Drama Club
Beta Club
Thespian Club

Activities outside school:

Community Theatre
Active member of the Lavonia United Methodist Church choir and youth group



"GA District Governor – Nancy Miller"

Welcome back Anchors!

Another school year is beginning and it's time for getting back to what you all do best. Being outstanding Anchors and supporting your club.

I just attended the Anchor district planning meeting in Macon. I was very impressed with the caliber of your Anchor officers. They came prepared with great ideas, enthusiasm and solutions to issues.

I want to tell you how proud I am to be associated with an organization that supports youth and their activities. You all are valuable assets to your communities. You are learning leadership skills along with strategies for fund raising and giving a lot of yourself in community service. These are qualities that will carry you through out your high school, college and adulthood. The college where I am employed puts a great emphasis on community service and many of our local charities could not make it without our students giving so much of themselves in service to others. Everybody wins!

Anchors, have a great school year, have fun, study hard and continue to give outstanding community service. You will get so much back in return.

In Pilot Service,

Nancy Miller

GA District Governor





"Anchor's Aweigh"

The Georgia District Newsletter "Anchors Aweigh" is published 4 times a year in September, November, January and March.

We would like to spotlight your club in our next edition of "Anchor's Aweigh." Please send us your news on special awards, projects, fund-raisers or other activities of your Anchor Club. Photos are also welcome.

Send articles to turnerma@Elberton.net and copy to kajorge@yahoo.com. Articles for the next issue of "Anchors Aweigh" should be submitted by November 1.

Please make copies and share "Anchors Aweigh" with your Anchor Club members. If lack of money for photocopying is a problem, print a few copies and pass around at your next meeting.



"District Anchor Coordinator Mary Turner"

Welcome to a new Anchor year! Schools have been in session for a month for most of you. I hope that you have been busy making plans for the year. Governor Nancy Miller has as her theme this year "Seasons of Service, Be Inspired" using a sunflower and bee for the logo. I am always astounded at the quantity and quality of projects that all the Anchors do in your communities and schools. Be sure to share with us what you are doing throughout the year.

Your District Anchor Board met August 6th at Pilot Headquarters in Macon for a day of discussions and planning for the year. The main topic of discussion was the convention next March. They came up with some great ideas for speakers, programs, workshops and fun activities. The theme will revolve around Masquerade. You'll hear more about this in the November issue of this newsletter. Be sure to hold the dates and plan to attend. This will be an Anchor Convention you won't want to miss!

I would like to remind the club officers and sponsors that Pilot International requests a list of your officers as soon as possible. Please also copy me on that list. A blank form is attached to this newsletter. Also, November 1 is when Pilot International and Georgia District dues are due. Advisors/Sponsors, please request those checks early so no Georgia Anchor Club has to be reminded to pay their dues. Both of these forms are also attached to this newsletter.

Please remember that this year each Anchor should complete the Pilot International Youth Protection Policy. This consists of a Parental Waiver and Release of Liability, as well as a Photo Release Form. These forms should be kept on file with the advisor. They will need to be completed each year. Please do not send pictures of students to be included in the newsletter or the Pilot Log without having a Photo Release Form. This information is attached to this newsletter.

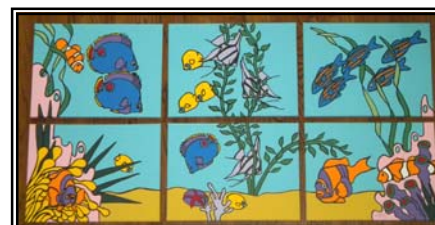
The Anchor Advisor/Sponsor is usually appointed by the school principal. The Anchor Coordinator is a member of the Pilot Club that sponsors the Anchor Club. This person is appointed by the Pilot Club President and is the liaison between the Pilot Club and the Anchor Club. Both of these people are critical to the success of any Anchor Club. They need to communicate constantly. It would be a good idea if the Anchor Advisor could attend Pilot Club meetings and if the Anchor Coordinator could attend Anchor Club meetings. It is also good to have some joint Anchor/Pilot projects and social events throughout the year. It is important that we have your current "Anchor Advisor" and "Anchor Coordinator" information so the proper people can receive the newsletters and other correspondence to keep you updated.

Be inspired this year!

Mary Turner



Pictured are members of the Bainbridge High Anchor Club, The Pilot Club of Bainbridge, and staff of Memorial Hospital and Manor in Bainbridge. They received one of the Hospital Art pictures from the 2010-2011 Anchor Convention.





**Attention:
Anchor
Sponsors/Advisors
Anchor Coordinators of
Pilot Clubs**

In order to get information timely to the Anchor Advisors and Pilot Anchor Coordinators, I need your correct information. If you have not already done so, please e-mail your updated e-mail address, mailing address and phone number to Mary Turner at turnerma@elberton.net.



"Freedom's Foundation"

Freedom's Foundation is a program sponsored by Pilot International where participants attend leadership and citizenship seminars, learn about the free enterprise system and tour historic Philadelphia and Valley Forge.

It will be held February 23-26, 2012. Each Anchor Club may send one or more delegates. Let's try to have a great attendance this year! Several of your District Anchor officers plan to attend and I will be there, too, so if an adult from your school cannot attend, you can join us. If you need me to talk to your school principal or counselor, I will. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and you will be glad you went.

A brochure is attached and gives you a schedule of events and topics. You will need to arrive at Philadelphia International Airport Thursday by 4 or so and should plan your return flight after 2 pm on Sunday. Talk about Freedom's Foundation in your meetings and get as excited as I am to attend.

The base price includes your shuttle from the Philadelphia airport, lodging for three nights, food from arrival to departure, tours, speakers and workshops. Dress as you would for school or church. You may want to bring swaps (pins or patches of your area or something from your school) to exchange with other participants and some spending money for snacks or souvenirs. Many Pilot Clubs put in their budget a certain amount to support their Anchors in attending. Ask your sponsoring Pilot Club if they have any money to support you in this regard. If there is not money start fundraising now to send one or more Anchors. Remember to come back and share what you learned with your entire Anchor Club.



**"Pilot/Anchor International Convention"
By Anchor President Eli Black**

This summer I had the privilege of going to Dallas, Texas for the Pilot International Convention. I represented the Anchor Club of Georgia while there and attended all of the functions planned for us. This was a great place to get to know other Anchors from Japan, the Bahamas, and across the United States. I really enjoyed making new friends, learning about other cultures, and sharing our own experiences and opportunities in the Anchor Club.

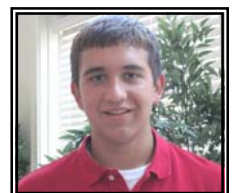
On two of the evenings we attended banquets with over 700 attendees. At these dinners there were featured speakers and we had additional time to get to know each other. One of the speakers was Sean Carter, a young man who was in an accident that left him unable to use his arms, legs and voice. He now communicates using a computer and is slowly learning to regain the ability to walk. He came and spoke about his horrible car crash and the hazards of drunk driving. This was the second year

that I have seen his presentation and I know his story left an indelible mark on the lives of those that heard him. It is inspiring that he has used his tragedy to try and improve the lives of others. At other meetings we learned about leadership, how to work collaboratively and be an effective volunteer for the Anchor Club.

The Anchors also got to have a lot of fun. In one activity, I was blindfolded and directed to walk across a floor covered in mousetraps with an Anchor member guiding me along using only her voice. Anchors completed a service project while we were there, too. We filled shoeboxes with gifts and accessories that children might need and had a party with about thirty kids in foster care. All of the children were very nice and it was great to see their faces after they opened their box and saw what was inside. We were also given the chance to go to Six Flags over

Texas. I had a lot of fun there and rode the *Titan*. This is the fastest roller coaster in Texas! It was a blast going 85 miles per hour with my new found friends! All of the experiences there were amazing and I had a great time at the convention. The people I met, the fun I had, and the knowledge I gained will never be forgotten. I still stay in touch with many of the other Anchors and ask them what they are doing with their Anchor Clubs to give me ideas for my own. I am looking forward to sharing all that I have learned with my local chapter and with you, at our district convention.

Eli Black





Mary Turner, GA District Anchor Coordinator, Pat Kesler, 2010/2011 PI Anchor Coordinator, and Susan Hoffman, 2010/2011 PI President.

Congratulations to Monroe Area High School who received 2nd Place in Pilot International's "Anchor Club of the Year"



Pat Kesler, 2010/2011 PI Anchor Club Coordinator, Nancy Miller 2011/2012 GA District Governor, Susan Hoffman, 2010/2011 Pilot International President

Congratulations to Cindy Nunn Anchor Advisor for John Milledge Academy for receiving 2nd Place in Pilot International's "Anchor Advisor of the Year"



District Officer Contacts

Your District Anchor officers are ready and willing to provide assistance to your Anchor Club.

Please contact your Region Chair (see e-mail addresses on list of officers on front page) with activities your club is doing.



Constant Contact

Anchor Advisors/Anchors are encouraged to sign up for Constant Contact. Go to the PI website home page at www.pilotinternational.org and sign up within a couple of minutes. A lot of the Anchor publications, reminders, flyers, etc. during this year will be sent via Constant Contact.

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Attached to this Newsletter are the following documents:

- Freedom's Foundation Brochure
- Anchor Officer Form
- PI Dues Form
- GA District Dues Form
- Community Service Application
- Criteria for Judging Scrapbooks
- PI Youth Protection Policy
- PI Parental Waiver
- PI Anchor Photo Release Form