

Georgia District Anchors

"Anchors Aweigh"



**2010 - 2011
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A Message From Your President

Greetings Anchors,

I can't believe the time has come for my term to come to a close! It has really been a pleasure serving you for the past two years. It has given me a lot of leadership opportunities I would have never gained. I want you to continue serving your communities to the best of your abilities. We are the very few ones who have a great opportunity to go do something big and great, and to also be somebody instead of just being another number. Never let anyone tell you that you can't do something. You are the only one who can determine how far you want to go in life. Keep doing positive things to be able to say you are one less negative statistic. Be the leader that

Anchor has called you to be. Lead the way for others that may have lost their direction. Our primary purpose is to be a glimmer of hope meeting the needs set before us. We may not be able to save the world, but we can make a difference in one life thus empowering that individual to motivate others. I wish you the best of luck in life. I hope everything goes the way you have planned. Have a great year!!

Sincerely,

Chelsea Wooden



Dates and Deadlines for 2011

July 13-16, 2011

Pilot International (and Anchor) Convention,
Sheraton Hotel in Dallas, TX

Aug 1, 2011

Articles for Fall issue of "Anchor's Aweigh" due

Nov 1, 2011

PI dues (\$10) and GA District dues (\$8) are due

Feb 3, 2012

Awards, nominations and scholarship applications due

2012 Georgia District Anchor Convention

March 2-4, 2012

**Legacy Lodge and Conference Center
Lake Lanier Islands**

Start fundraising now and let's have the best attendance ever!



"District Anchor Coordinator Lynda Goodwin"

Wow! What a great District Convention we had at the Legacy Lodge and Conference Center at Lake Lanier Islands on March 4-6! The theme was "Anchors Got Talent." 114 people attended convention with the following breakdown: 72 Anchors, 18 Advisors, 21 Pilots and 3 guests. 14 Anchor clubs were represented. Many, many thanks to the District Anchor Board for the untold hours of planning that really paid off with an exciting, fun and informative convention. Here are highlights of convention:

- On Friday night, Anchors enjoyed pizza and then had a talent show hosted by Julia Gryzenia and Lindsey Garrett from the Anchor board. (A valuable lesson was learned about cutting corners on AV needs.)
- Anchors brought snacks and drinks to share and visited the hospitality room manned by the Pilot Club of Cherokee County on Friday evening and all day Saturday. In the hospitality room, Anchors could paint canvases for two sets of art to be donated to hospitals and nursing homes in Georgia. This was the 7th year the Anchors have taken on this service project for the Foundation for Hospital Art. They also could make tied blankets for veterans throughout the state or write Thank You cards to soldiers overseas.
- District President, Chelsea Wooden, conducted the business meeting Saturday morning. Nominees gave their speeches for office and delegates voted on the new officers. Our morning workshop was called "Good Eats." A registered dietician, Regina Saxton, tested us on ingredients in fast foods.
- At lunch Representative Brooks Coleman entertained us with tales about his adventures with Roy Rogers and left us with Brooks' Riders Rules:
 1. Always maintain a positive ATTITUDE
 2. BELIEVE in what you are doing
 3. Show COMMITMENT and make a CONTRIBUTION
 4. Keep your WORD – never disgrace your NAME
 5. Take PRIDE in what you do
 6. Do QUALITY work (5 & 6 are mind your Ps and Qs)
 7. LEARN – embrace TECHNOLOGY
 8. Follow the GOLDEN RULE
 9. Never give up
 10. Make your dreams come true
- Workshops were conducted in the afternoon. All Anchors participated in Zumba and Kickboxing ("Protecting Yourself from the Paparazzi"). Then there was the opportunity to attend two of the following workshops: "Skin Care and Make-up Tips for Anchor's Next Top Model," led by Irene Klosson with Mary Kay; "Access Anchor" (icebreakers), led by Lindsey Garrett; or "Inside Edition" (networking), led by the Pilot officers.
- The advisors met with the 2011-2012 Anchor Coordinator, Mary Turner, and then the newly elected Anchor board met to begin planning for next year.
- For the awards banquet, incoming President Eli Black and his club decorated for "Take a Walk on the Red Carpet" which started off with an actual red carpet entering the ballroom. Each table was set with black and white linens and Academy Award centerpieces. After dinner, fun and serious awards were presented by Governor Esther including the talent show awards, scholarships, scrapbook, service project and the coveted "Anchor Club of the Year" award. Awards are listed later in this newsletter.
- Governor Esther installed the following officers for 2011-2012:

President - Eli Black, Rabun Co. HS	NE Region Chair -- Cortney Arp, Franklin Co. HS
President-Elect - Karina Loera-Lopez, W. Laurens HS	NW Region Chair -- Claire Lippy, Tucker HS
Secretary - Jeff Balance, W. Laurens HS	SW Region Chair -- Hanna Williams, Bainbridge HS
Convention Chair - Christina Burgess, John Milledge Academy	EC Region Chair -- Caroline Warren, W. Laurens HS
	WC Region Chair -- Jocelyn Johnson, Hutchings Career Center

- After the installation, the convention was adjourned. Anchors then participated in "So You Think You Can Dance?" with DJ Rick Fleming.
- Throughout the weekend, door prizes were awarded. Thanks to all the clubs for bringing the door prizes. Gift cards seemed to be a big hit this year.

It has been a busy year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Anchor Coordinator this year. Mary Turner takes over on July 1. I know you will have another great Anchor year and I look forward to seeing you at the 2012 District Anchor Convention.



More on the Georgia District Anchor Convention

AND THE WINNER IS....

One of the highlights of District Convention is the awards presented at the banquet on Saturday night.

Fun awards included:

Club with Most Anchors at Convention – West Laurens High School, 14 Anchors, 4 adults

Club that came the longest distance – Bainbridge High School – 229 miles each way

Club that had Most Male Anchors in attendance - West Laurens High School, 4 boys present

Talent Show Awards (students voted for these Friday night):

Most Original:

- 1st place Jerry Wheeler (The Late' Boy)
- 2nd place Ada, Savanna & Erin (The Lion Sleeps Tonight)

Most Entertaining:

- 1st place Jessica Tillery & Lacy Holiday (Saturday Night Live Skit)
- 2nd place Courtney, Megan, Kayla, Leah and Hope (Ice Cream & Cake)

Most Talented:

- 1st place Courtney (Hope Song)
- 2nd place Hannah (Party in the USA)

The serious award winners included:

Scrapbook:

- 1st place Elbert County High School
- 2nd place John Milledge Academy
- 3rd place Monroe Area High School

Outstanding Service Project:

- 1st place John Milledge Academy
- 2nd place Monroe Area High School

And Anchor Club of the Year:

- 1st place **MONROE AREA HIGH SCHOOL**
- 2nd place John Milledge Academy



The Anchors give three **\$500 scholarships**. These were awarded to:

- Audrey Dugan – Gatewood School
- Lindsey Garrett – John Milledge Academy
- Renay Gregoire – Rabun County High School

Six **\$1,500 scholarships** were presented from Georgia Pilot Foundation to:

- Elizabeth Lacksen – Gatewood School
- Jessica Reed – Heritage High School
- Julia Gryzenia – West Laurens High School
- Jenna Jansen – Madison County High School
- Ashley Anderson – Elbert County High School
- Safia Siddqui – Campbell High School

Many Pilots and a few non-Pilots participated as judges for the awards and scholarships. Thanks to each of you who participated in any of the panels of judges!





More on the Georgia District Anchor Convention

SERVICE PROJECTS AT CONVENTION

HOSPITAL ART DONATIONS

Anchors who participated at the Hospital Art Paintfest at district convention were asked to suggest facilities in Georgia to donate the two sets of art. We are pleased to report that the "Aquarium" picture will be going to Memorial Hospital and Manor in Bainbridge. The "Giraffes" will go to Lake Pointe Assisted Living in Hartwell.



BLANKETS FOR VETERANS

Nine blankets were completed at convention. These are being donated to the Veterans Hospital in Atlanta. Several clubs took their blanket materials home with them and will be donating their blankets to a veteran's facility or clinic near their hometown.



THANK YOU CARDS FOR THE MILITARY

Over 350 thank you notes were written at district convention to thank the military for the service they are doing for the USA. The cards are being shipped to an organization called "A Million Thanks." This organization will choose where the cards go.



THANK YOU!

to all Anchors, Advisors and Pilots who participated in the three service projects at District Convention.

We have and will touch the lives of many and made their day a little happier!



Thanks to President Chelsea for a great Pilot year.





Snapshots from the Georgia District Anchor Convention

2011-2012 GA District Anchor Officers



Kickboxing



Zumba Class



Skin Care Class



Brooks Coleman



Banquet Decorations



"GA District Governor Esther Foster"



I really enjoyed your Anchor Convention and it was a joy to install your new officers for the coming year. The Anchor Board did an excellent job in planning this event. You are a fun group to be with!

Congratulations to those who were awarded scholarships and also those who won the "fun awards"! You are an outstanding group of young people and will go far in life. Hold on to your ideals, dreams and goals.

Many of you will be graduating from high school and are making final decisions about college. I encourage you to become a Provisional Member of a Pilot Club near your college. If there is no club nearby, you can always attend meetings at the Pilot Club in your hometown. You will be able to attend meetings and participate in their fundraising and project activities and your dues are waived...*occasionally you may get a free meal!* Ask your Anchor Advisor about the Provisional Membership or you can check it out on Pilot's website, www.pilotinternational.org

This will be my last article for Anchors Aweigh before school is out. The next few weeks, you will be very busy with graduations, proms, and other school events...it will be special time for you. Enjoy every moment and have fun...*and have a great summer vacation!*

Esther Foster



"Freedom's Foundation"

Lindsay Garrett



I attended Freedom's Foundation in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. I had a roommate from Pennsylvania who I enjoyed getting to know. I also met many other students from all over the country, and I plan to keep in touch with them. There were meetings that included some interesting historical role-play and there was a mock trial where we as students could use our leadership skills to form a debate. We were even treated to a talk by Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson! We also enjoyed social time where we split up into groups of seven to learn more about each other and to work together to make amendments to historical documents. We took a tour of Valley Forge, which allowed me to get a feel for the area and its incredible history. We also toured historic Philadelphia where we saw the Liberty Bell. We toured Independence Hall where we saw rough drafts of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, which were written there. We also toured where Ben Franklin's house had been and the cemetery down the road where his grave was. I thought it was a great event and would recommend it to other Anchors especially those interested in learning more about our country's history and the rights and responsibilities we have as citizens of the USA.

Lindsey Garrett



Anchors with Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson



Anchors from Georgia – Elvia Munoz and Lindsey Garrett



WANTED

Region Chair for Southeast Region for 2011-2012

An Anchor Club member is needed to chair the Southeast Region and serve on the District Anchor Board. The main job is communication with other Anchor Clubs in the region and serving on the planning committee for the 2012 District Convention. The Chair will attend a planning meeting in August and the District Convention next March. Interested? Please contact Lynda Goodwin at Lynda@edgoodwinassociates.com.

The clubs in the Southeast Region are:

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| Dodge County High | Fitzgerald High |
| Lowndes County High | Vidalia High |
| Ware County High | |

THEME FOR 2011-2012

The theme for next year is "Seasons of Service – Be Inspired" Use this theme and logo in your scrapbooks.



Centennial High School Anchors selling green beads at their St. Patty's Day table.



Anchors....

Enjoy your summer vacation and we'll see you again in the new school year.

Seniors....

Best of luck on many new adventures that will be coming your way.



"Anchor's Aweigh"

We would like to feature your news in "Anchors Aweigh." Please send articles to turnerma@elberton.net. Articles for the next issue of "Anchors Aweigh" will be needed by August 1.

PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Pilot International has an exciting opportunity for you to become a **Provisional Member!** Anchors graduating this spring are eligible for Provisional Membership. Here's how it works: Just prior to graduation seniors should complete a Provisional Membership form. The Provisional Membership form may be downloaded by clicking on "documents" under the Anchor section of the PI website (www.pilotinternational.org). or just use the attached form. Use the address on the form and send it to Pilot International Headquarters. Once the completed form is received at Pilot Headquarters, it will be forwarded to the Pilot Club closest to the area indicated on the form. Then a Provisional Membership card will be sent to the member.

It's an open invitation to attend and participate in Pilot Club activities at home or away at college for up to six years. Provisional Membership is a great way for Anchors to continue supporting their communities through service, and also provides limitless opportunities to network and make personal and professional connections. Provisional Membership is sponsored by Pilot International and is **free** to the member. We appreciate our past Anchors for their many years of service and dedication to Anchor and Pilot International.



Attachments to this Newsletter:
Provisional Membership Form



Provisional Pilot International Membership Form

In recognition of your Anchor Club volunteer service in this community, you are cordially invited by the Pilot Club of _____ to become a Provisional member. This entitles you to a six-year membership sponsored by Pilot International.

By filling out the contact information on this form, you will receive a Provisional Pilot International Membership Card. This card is your open invitation to visit Pilot Clubs in your area and participate as a volunteer in Pilot Club community programs and projects. We hope you will enjoy the benefits and privileges of being a Pilot!

Yes! I would like to receive my sponsored six-year Pilot International Provisional Membership Card. I am interested in participating in a Provisional Membership program which would serve as a link to former Anchors, Pilot Clubs and provide periodic news and updates.

NAME _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

_____ ZIP _____

Name/Address of school you will be attending: _____

_____ ZIP _____

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