



# Governor's Bulletin Georgia District



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*"Seasons of Service - Be Inspired"*

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The **Vision of Pilot** is to achieve universal awareness and prevention of Brain-related Disorders and Disabilities.

Wow, hard to believe that August is here and schools/colleges are getting ready to open their doors! I don't know about you, but my July went by quickly. Being Governor is keeping my e-mail and postman very busy! After our week in Dallas, I was home for four days and then made a quick trip to Ohio for a family reunion. I promise to stay put now for the rest of this year.

Did you remember that we are celebrating 90 years of Service! The Wednesday night opening ceremony celebrated this event and several Georgia Pilots dressed in their very best 1920s outfits to help remember those who had a vision and dreamed big! We have much to do in Georgia Pilot. I hope your delegate to convention this year will share all the news about the state of Pilot with you. One theme we heard over and over concerns CHANGE, a new website for Pilot International is being rolled out on August 1. In our Council of Leaders we learned a lot about ourselves and you may hear someone speak about Boxes, Circles, Squiggles, Triangles and Rectangles. Don't be afraid, we haven't gone off the deep end! It was a learning tool to help us understand and assist our Pilots better. You'll hear more about this in a later article.

Our new ECR, Sherry Johnson, who introduces herself in another area of the bulletin, has given a great overview of all that took place during Convention. Your DAC/DEC were very excited to learn that Sherry would be our ECR. She is a great person and I know she will be much help to us during the year.

Remember the reclassification of Pilot to a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status? Well, it is ready for the next steps for our clubs to be involved:

First - Our clubs must complete the Group Authorization Form (Attachment 1). This form just states that you want your club to be included as part of Pilot International. Your club currently is part of PI, but it has to be restated for IRS as we change to this new

status. The clubs attending the Convention completed this form in Dallas and only need a few clubs to complete the form and send to PI. I will be in touch with your Presidents soon.



Next - Review your Articles of Incorporation and insert the suggested language that needs to be in the document. If you do not have a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, contact the Office of the Georgia Secretary of State to obtain a copy. See Attachment #2 for the suggested wording that should be included in your articles. Once the articles are amended they need to be approved by your membership (unless your standing rules allows for the Executive Board of your club to change the articles without member approval). Once approved they should be resubmitted to the Secretary of State and then complete the attached form (Attachment #3) indicating to PI that you have completed reviewing and amending your articles. You can amend the articles prior to the reclassification. The deadline for this to be completed is September 30.

Be sure to read Gov-elect, Gail Sharber's article concerning the new Governor's Cup Award form. There have been some questions and concerns about Article X and I think this explanation will help everyone.

Remember also that the Lt. Governor for your region is your best contact if you are having issues or questions about anything. They are willing and able to assist your club.

Best wishes to all of the clubs as you start your new Pilot year and continue to do outstanding service in your city or county.

Yours in Pilot,

*Nancy Miller*, Georgia District Governor



## **FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT**

I would like to encourage each club to participate in the Governor's Cup Award. The entry form is due by Aug 15, 2011.

Several questions have arisen concerning Section X (Major Service/Fundraising/Membership Projects). Please choose only ONE - service project, fundraising project, or membership project to highlight for the club. This was designed to give the club a choice in which area they would like to enter. Only up to 50 points will be assigned for Section X for ONE project.

I am anticipating many entries.

*Gail Sharber*, Georgia District Governor-elect



## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

### **Take Time**

- Take the time to smell the roses**
- Take the time to walk in the park**
- Take the time to walk on the beach**
- Take the time to be with your family**

- Take the time to live every moment**
- Take time to enjoy your life**
- Take time to enjoy what we have in life**
- Take time**
- Remember you only have one life**
- So live it and take time.**

This is an original poem written by a very special young man – his name is Larry Hood and he attends the Frazer Center in downtown Atlanta. Larry is severely disabled – unable to talk or to write and is confined to a wheelchair. But thanks to a software package, entitled Simple C (which Larry refers to as his Cadillac!), he is now able to write, edit and present his poetry on his own for all to enjoy. This book of poetry was entered into one of the Georgia Artists' with DisAbilities exhibition and was deemed a winner by the jurors that year.

So let's all of us learn from this simple poem – to take time and enjoy that time, especially with our family and friends. May the blessings of your God always surround you and yours.

If you would like to be included on the GA District prayer board, please send me your name and e-mail address. My address is [jrakers@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrakers@bellsouth.net).

Blessings always, *JoAnn Akers*



## **GETTING TO KNOW OUR GEORGIA DISTRICT ECR**

Sherry Johnson is a member of the Pilot Club of Quitman, TX, where she has served as President, President Elect, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and the Fundraising Coordinator. She has been a member since 1991. She is currently serving as Pilot International Secretary and has served as PI Fundraising Coordinator, PI Convention Chair, PI Convention Vice Chair, Expansion Team Member and recently completed a two-year term Executive Committee as a Director. She also served in several capacities on the district level.

She graduated from Texas Tech University with a double degree in speech and political science and from University of Texas Tyler with a teaching degree and taught school until her first daughter was born. She worked in the technology department at All Saints Episcopal School before becoming the Director of Program Services for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas, where she manages the wish granting process from referral to completion for thirty counties in Northeast Texas. Her responsibilities involve training, medical outreach, post wish follow-up, financial and wish management, monthly financial reports, public relations, and volunteer management. She is a member of the East Texas Symphony League, Grace Community Church, volunteer advocate at the East Texas Crisis Center, Tyler Executive Women's Network, volunteer mentor and trainer for the Women's Job Corps of East Texas. She states that volunteering allows her to give back to the community and make a positive impact on mankind. She truly believes "Our success in life is measured in what we do for others" to paraphrase Danny Thomas. She has been married to Craig for 22 years, and they have two teenage daughters, Cloyee' (16) & Neiman Marie (18) who will be starting college in the fall.

## **GREETINGS FROM THE GEORGIA DISTRICT ECR**

Greetings! I am excited to be assigned to the Georgia District and look forward to working with your capable district leaders. We encourage open lines of communication as we work together as a team to strengthen our organization.

The Pilot International Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference held in Dallas, TX provided essential training and strategies for success in educating our communities on Brain Health. District Officers received important information and training at The Council of Leaders. Susan Hite motivated us to elevate our "LeaderSHAPE," and renowned speakers such as Dr. John Hart inspired us to continue our focus on Brain Health. We are excited about the fresh state-of-the-art website that will be live very soon! In the meantime, please feel free to view the web



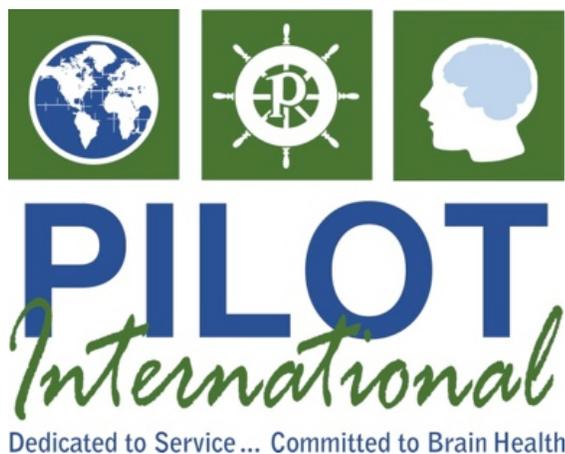
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demo at <http://pilotinternational.org/nd/index.cfm>. Thanks to your generosity, the approximate net proceeds from our fundraising events are as follows: PIF Walk - \$10,000, Larry Gatlin Concert -\$9,000, PIF Extravaganza \$37,000, and on-the-floor auctions: \$9,000. Calcutta sales reached approximately \$12,000. Delegates in our business sessions approved PI Bylaw changes to Articles VII, XVIII, and XXX. Elections resulted in the following Pilot International Officers for 2011-2012: President Beverly Wilkes, President Elect Winnie Brewer, Vice President Judy Langley, Secretary Sherry Johnson, Treasurer Mary Jane Morgan, and Directors Shannon Clegg, Suzanne Kendra, and Mimi Wold. Workshops and entertainers were outstanding! Our own Sean and Jenny Carter spoke and gave us an update on Sean's progress. We were touched as we sent Blair on her way to Disney World through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We'll keep you updated on Blair's progress on the PI Website. You may also want to visit [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org) or [www.caringbridge.org/visit/blairhenderson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/blairhenderson). The Anchor "Shoebbox Surprise" project was a highlight of their convention. We hope you returned home energized, informed, and motivated, and that you will make plans now to attend next year's convention in Las Vegas, NV July 18-21, 2012, and bring along someone new from your club.

We congratulate your 2011-2012 Club leadership and encourage you to embrace the club visit format which guides us to strengthen our service projects, fundraising efforts, and membership. It is imperative that each of us assumes the responsibility for membership. Interesting and informative programs and mission-driven projects will help us to retain our current membership as well as attract new members.

Be open to new ways of inspiring others as we begin a *successful* new year in Pilot!

*Sherry Johnson*, ECR Georgia District  
[sherryj300@yahoo.com](mailto:sherryj300@yahoo.com)



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### Articles of Incorporation

I had a club member contact me concerning how to find out when their club was incorporated because of the club's age, the actual formal filing had been lost/misplaced. So I went on-line and in the search engine area, I typed in Georgia Secretary of State and a list popped up with several listings. I knew I wanted just the actual Georgia SOS site, which happened to be first in the listings and if you use the link I'm providing it will take you to the correct area you need to be.

<http://www.sos.georgia.gov/>

On right hand side is a list of search areas, click on "Search for a Corporation" and just follow prompts. You will see if your club is indeed incorporated, date of incorporation, the file number assigned, etc.

I hope this information will help your club as they get ready to update Articles of Incorporation in anticipation of our clubs, under the umbrella of Pilot International, become actual 501c (3) entities.

I also included three documents concerning these issues and I hope you find those helpful as well.

Pilotly, Nancy Miller

### GOOD COMMUNICATION

(continued from last month)

Esther Foster, Leadership Coordinator



The article listed in last month's article stated that good communication is a must for the success of any organization. Listed below are four ways to communicate better with your team:

1. Don't wait. Be proactive. If there is a change coming or some upcoming event, let people know. Giving them at least a "nugget" is far better than not saying anything at all.
2. Equip them. Give them as much information as you can. If you have someone on your team who can't keep their mouth shut, then address it with that person. Don't hinder the communication with others on the team just because of one person.
3. Stop trying to control everything. If you are a leader, it's not about you anyway. It's all about your team and you need to keep them in the loop and aware. The more they know, the more they

can help you. Let them. Don't get in their way. If you want them to communicate with you, you need to communicate with them...*first*.

Don't assume they already know. Just because you know doesn't necessarily mean they know. Too often we get busy and sometimes think we have told people more than we have. Make sure you take the time to ask them if they are clear and understand. Give them opportunities to voice their thoughts, listen and respond.



### **FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Cindy Tatum

Well, our time in Dallas came to an end, and now we are at home implementing the plans we have made for our Pilot clubs for 2011-2012. What plans did you make for membership?

My club met last night, and I was thrilled to see a guest come walking into the room. I gave her a membership information form immediately after I welcomed her to our meeting. She turned her form in at the end of the meeting, so we have a new member, and it's still July. How exciting!!!

How many of you sponsor an Anchor club? Have you invited Anchor moms and/or dads to visit your club? We have had a few parents visit us and join in the past, but this year we are going to make a concerted effort to invite all of our Anchor parents to visit our club.

Have you notified Pilot clubs in college towns that one or more of your Anchors will be attending their college or university this fall? Remember, Anchors can be provisional Pilot members for up to six years after they graduate from high school. Keep them involved with Pilot, and hopefully they will become active Pilots as soon as they finish college.

Be sure that you contact visitors after your meeting and encourage them to join. Get their information forms "in your hand" so you can add them to your club roll. Hold an orientation for new members and give them brochures or any other club materials that you have available. Make sure that they know what Pilot is all about so that they will understand what is going on. Get them involved as soon as possible. Help them grow to love Pilot as much as we do. I can't imagine my life without Pilot! Help your new members feel that way, too.



### **MONEY MAKING FUNDRAISING IDEAS**

Norma McKellar

My six-year old nephew always "needed" some money. When his mother and father refused, he would start on his list of grandparents, aunts and uncles. One afternoon, at his favorite aunt's house, he saw a TV commercial for *THE MONEY STORE*. He turned to his aunt and said, "There, Aunt Connie, you can get me some money at *THE MONEY STORE!*"

Wouldn't it be perfect if we could go to *THE MONEY STORE* and fill up our budgets? Well, we know it's not that easy. The vast majority of our monies come from fundraising and this month I'd like to share an idea that might just be your *MONEY STORE*.

Cherie Searcy, a member of my Pilot Club of Moultrie, sets up and organizes photo shoots for us. First Cherie comes up with a theme. (In July ours was called the "Let Freedom Ring Photo Shoot".) Then she decides if some of the proceeds will go to another group or organization. (For our patriotic shoot some of the proceeds were given to our local VFW.) Working with another group helps with promotion. Cherie's next steps include booking a photographer, setting a date, getting a location and deciding the cost. (Because Cherie considers every scenario, she always has another photographer on call.) Next she makes plans with the photographer about how many photos the customer will receive, when they can pick up the CD (usually about two weeks) and how many sittings to schedule per hour. Cherie's employer normally sponsors the CDs and she shares that many times the photographer will donate their time. (Because the photographer ends up spending lots of time shooting and editing and using their equipment, Cherie suggests paying them anyway!)

At this point Cherie creates a flyer and emails it to as many people as she can especially to those who have participated in previous photo shoots. She places flyers at her work and all around town, She also sets up an "event" on *facebook.com* and emails everyone in her *Facebook* friends group.

Cherie uses an Excel spreadsheet for appointment times. In addition to times and names, she also takes phone numbers. She asks that people prepay as that normally guarantees they'll show up. (About a week before the shoot, Cherie calls appointees with a kindly reminder.) Now she and the photographer are ready to plan the set. They beg and borrow most items to keep down the costs. The morning of the shoot, Cherie says to be at the location in plenty of time to put the set together. Don't forget the appointment sheet. Cherie says if it appears someone won't make their appointment, you might want to call and remind them once more. During the appointments be sure



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the participants know when and where they can pick up the CDs.

Cherie's photo shoots have been very positive events for our club. We hope you will have success with yours. Who needs *THE MONEY STORE* with great ideas like Cherie's?



### ANCHOR NEWS

Mary Turner, Anchor Coordinator

I hope everyone is ready to start a new school year with their Anchors. We had a great time at Pilot International Convention with the Anchors. As we start a new school year remember that you may have some former Anchors that are now Provisional members. Please make them feel welcome in your club. If you do not know who they are you may contact Bonnie at headquarters. Pilots remind your Anchor advisors that the Youth Protection Policy needs to be completed by each Anchor every year. There is also a Photo release form to be completed. The Anchor Advisor needs to keep these on file at the school. The forms can be found on the website for Pilot. I will e-mail the advisors and attach the forms to the e-mail. Please make sure that I have contact information for the advisor for the club that you sponsor. I would also like to have the contact information for each Pilot Club's Anchor Coordinator. Pilot International and Georgia District Anchor dues are due by November 1, 2011. The dates for Freedom's Foundation are February 23-26, 2012. I hope we have a great turn out from the Georgia District. Start making plans to attend the annual Anchor Convention which will be held March 2-4, 2012. I am looking forward to working with each of the Anchor Clubs this year. I would also like to see us try and start some new clubs. My e-mail address is [turnerma@elberton.net](mailto:turnerma@elberton.net).

**In Loving Remembrance...** The Georgia District extends our deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.



Pilot	Pilot Club
Bertie Mae Garrett	Charter Member Elberton
Lila Shaffer	Emeritus, 50 yr. member, Macon

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Jane A. Monroe	Monroe	Mother
Nancy A. Jacobs	Jones Co.	Mother

### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Georgia District would like to welcome all the newest members to our organization! WELCOME!!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
James Campbell	Fitzgerald	
Morris Campbell	Fitzgerald	
Kristin C. Hall	Emanuel Co.	Jill C. Harvey
Chelsie B. Hooks	Emanuel Co.	Jill C. Harvey
Julie B. Palmer	Emanuel Co.	Jill C. Harvey
Linda F. Hooks, reinstated	Emanuel Co.	Candy Powers
Julia N. Rountree	Emanuel Co.	Jill C. Harvey
Anna E. Gambrell	Emanuel Co.	Norma Sconyers
Tommie O. Gambrell	Emanuel Co.	Norma Sconyers
Erica L. Priester	Emanuel Co.	Candy Powers
Michelle S. Lank	Emanuel Co.	Jill Harvey
Donna M. Drakes	Atlanta	Kirsten Jorgenson & JoAnn Akers
Sandra A. Dean	Milledgeville	Jean Hall
Kim H. Cook	Dublin	Lynn Wyatt
Brandi C. Tipton	Dublin	Beth Bozeman
Susan Fussell	Americus	
Cindi C. Andrews	Washington Co.	Ann Lastinger
Jeanne Choate	Brunswick	
Margaret Whitley	Cherokee Co.	Durrett Moerman
Hallie Campbell	Marietta	
Patricia Campbell	Marietta	

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Plans of Work/Copy of Budget – postmark deadline  
August 15, 2011

PEP Report (2010-2011) – postmark deadline  
August 15, 2011

Governor's Cup Award – postmark deadline  
August 15, 2011

PIF Sweetheart Contribution – postmark deadline  
September 30, 2011

Pilot Brain Power Walk, October 1, 2011

Fall Council, Vineville Methodist Church, Macon, GA -  
October 8, 2011

Founder's Day - October 18, 2011

Anchor Convention, Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Islands -  
March 2-4, 2012

District Convention, Gwinnett Place Marriott, Duluth, GA -  
April 13-15, 2012



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### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

#### PAST GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Louise Shimer – August 11  
Judy Vendrick – August 11  
Frances McKibben – August 20

#### DAC/DEC

Beverly McKenna – August 7

## Scrapbook Reminder

### **Just a friendly reminder...**

Please start sending in photographs to Joan McCannon for GOVERNOR ESTHER FOSTER's scrapbook. Please do not delay!! Joan would like to be able to make a selection from photos not only from the end-of-year special events but from all events throughout the year. The process is much easier if the photographs are not held and sent in all at one time.

Photographs and other items may be sent to:

Joan McCannon  
2022 Merle Drive SE  
Conyers, Georgia 30013-1830

[mcc46@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcc46@bellsouth.net)

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### LANGUAGE FOR AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR §501(c)(3) STATUS:

#### A. Purposes

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

to serve as a global charitable and educational organization of executive, business and professional leaders working together to improve the quality of life in local communities and throughout the world, and for other lawful purposes permitted under for organizations exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### B. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively for educational, charitable and scientific purposes or to promote social welfare to one or more organizations qualified as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



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Please sign and give this form to your District Governor at your District Meeting in Dallas!

**GROUP AUTHORIZATION**

TO: Peggy Davidson  
Executive Director  
Pilot International, Inc.

I, a duly authorized officer of \_\_\_\_\_, a Pilot Club, do  
hereby authorize Pilot International, Inc. to include \_\_\_\_\_ (Pilot  
Club) in the application to the Internal Revenue Service for a group tax exemption.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Club Officer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**Please sign this form and return on or before September 30, 2011**  
**PI Headquarters, Attn: Peggy Davidson, 102 Preston Court, Macon, GA 31210**  
**Fax: 478-477-6978**  
**Scan and email: [peggy@pilothonq.org](mailto:peggy@pilothonq.org)**

**Amendment of Articles of Incorporation**

TO: Peggy Davidson  
Executive Director  
Pilot International, Inc.

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Our Club has filed amendments to its Articles of Incorporation and a copy of the certificate of amendment issued by the Secretary of State is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Club Officer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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# Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc.



## CONTRIBUTION FORM

The Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable foundation, which currently provides post secondary education scholarships to Georgia District Anchor Club members, as well as to benefit people with disabilities and brain related disorders.

Please send your gift, along with this completed form to: **ROBIN PERRY**  
GPF CO-REPRESENTATIVE  
PO BOX 1427  
DUBLIN, GA 31040

Enclosed is a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a:

- Memorial Gift in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- Honorarium Gift in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Gift \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Gift \_\_\_\_\_

Please send an Acknowledgement to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot Club \_\_\_\_\_



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Articles may be edited to fit space.

Club Presidents: Please pass on a copy of the Governor's Bulletin to EACH member of your club. If lack of money for photocopying is a problem, bring a few copies of the Governor's Bulletin to your meeting and pass them around for everyone to read. Have each member initial it when he/she has read it.



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