



# "Anchors Aweigh"

**2013 - 2014  
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## "A Message from our President"

Hello Anchors! You best get ready and find your bathing suit and rubber ducky because this year Anchor Convention is going under the sea! Help us mark the spot this year as we look for undersea treasures! There is no slowing down the current as we head straight to Treasure Island we find exciting workshops and fresh caviar! Don't forget our fundraiser this year as we dive in to help the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta with a goal of \$8,000! But no storm is too big for us as our hearts do more, care more, and be more to help our fellow Anchor friends stay afloat. Don't miss out on this year's Anchor Convention! The District Officers can't wait to see you there!

*Megan Houston*



### 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.



The Dodge County HS Anchor Club entered a float in their homecoming parade on Friday, October 11 in Eastman. The Anchor Club of Dodge County High School was chartered April 17, 1975, currently has some 25 members, and is sponsored by the Pilot Club of Eastman.





### ANCHOR CONVENTION CHAIR

Anchors, convention is right around the corner and our board has planned lots of great things for a fun and exciting weekend! This year's convention will be held **February 28-March 2 at the Legacy Lodge and Conference Center** with the theme of the "Amazing Underwater". This year we have changed things up a little, the workshops will consist of a photography seminar, an applying for scholarships seminar, an etiquette seminar and for those wanting to get more active we will have a fitness and self-defense seminar. We also added two new awards to be given at the banquet Saturday night. One is the "Operation Christmas" award that will be given to the school that donates the most packages to the charity and the second is the "Most Money Raised" award that will be given to the school that raises the most money to donate to the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Our goal for this new challenge is to raise eight thousand dollars. Just like past years, we will have a fun activity planned for Friday night, a guest speaker at lunch on Saturday, and we will also have the hospital art, letters to soldiers, and snacks in the hospitality room. Each school is assigned to bring something for the hospitality room so please look at the list to see what your school has been assigned. Also, this year we will be providing a slide show of pictures at convention so I will need every school to submit pictures for the slide show by February 1 to me at raeganmr@yahoo.com.

Last year's convention was one filled with many memories from making Harlem Shake videos, running for office, and making tons of new friends. I hope this year will be just as memorable for everyone also. I cannot wait to experience another Anchor filled weekend with such an amazing group of people!

*Raegen Renfro*



## **Anchor Convention February 28 – March 2, 2014 Legacy Lodge & Conference Center Lake Lanier Theme "Amazing Underwater"**

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

- ❖ Refreshments will again be brought by Regions. If you are unsure about your region, contact Ms. Turner.
  - **East Central – Chips and Sweets**  
(Little Debbie cakes)
  - **Northeast – Drinks**  
(Please be sure to include diet drinks)
  - **Northwest-Fruit and Granola Bars**
  - **West Central-Drinks and Chips**
  - **South West and South East- Candy**
- ❖ Please note that soft drinks and water should be in individual cans or bottles. Snack items should be in individual serving bags – no large bags of unwrapped chips, candy, etc. Even homemade items should be put in baggies so Anchors can just pick them up and go.
- ❖ Two (2) door prizes per Anchor Club – try not to bring expensive items – around \$5 to \$10. Can't think of something to bring? The Anchors love gift cards. If you have a lot of Anchor's attending you might want to bring more than 2.
- ❖ Fleece for blankets. You may purchase a kit from a craft store. You may also bring two pieces of fleece with the following measurements 1 ½ yards of 60 inch wide fleece.
- ❖ And don't forget to bring your Anchor Club Scrapbook for the scrapbook competition. Drop off at the Anchor Registration Table or bring to the Hospitality Room Friday night.





**ANCHOR SW REGION CHAIR**

Hello Everyone! Bainbridge High School Anchor Club has started off with a busy year. We helped serve at a breast cancer awareness luncheon in our community, hosted a Halloween party for our special education students and are currently holding a food drive for a local food bank. In addition, we have been helping out at the area elementary schools with their fall festivals. We are also assisting our special ed. department by chaperoning students to the Peanut Festival in Dothan, AL. We just finished our annual homecoming shirt fundraiser. We raised over \$300 which will go towards purchasing toys for Toys for Tots. Soon we will be starting our "one on one" mentoring program with one of the local middle schools. It's an awesome time spent mentoring special needs students in our community. As the holidays approach, we are looking forward to donating/collecting toys for our local Toys for Tots program and finishing our food drive with the Souperbowl of Caring in conjunction with other BHS clubs.

*Taylor Colon*



**ANCHOR NE REGION CHAIR**

Hey there Anchors! I hope everyone is enjoying the school year so far! I just wanted to take a minute and tell ya'll about my local Anchor chapter in Elbert County. Since this is my 3rd year as a member I have had the opportunity to experience and be involved in so many service projects, but this year we have decided to branch out more than usual and go to a soup kitchen in November. I am so excited to be a part of this! It is amazing to see how God can work within our club and allow us to step out of our comfort zone to serve others. There are so many people who cannot help themselves without the help of others and it is truly incredible to be a part of service club who can be the help for those people. This November I encourage you to be thankful and give thanks for what you have and encourage others to do the same.

*McKenzi Harper*



Centennial Anchors help cheer on the runners for the "Adopt A Mile Marathon" sponsored by the Atlanta Track Club at Oakland Cemetery.

*Dodge Co. Anchors have been very busy with:*

Gave bags of Halloween candy to the teachers

Selling t-shirts for Easter Seals-Champion for children

The Anchors will have their own t-shirts this year and will include the new wording "Do more, Care more, Be more." Anchors were encouraged to submit a design for the t-shirts by Oct. 18th.

"Red Ribbon week" at the school to stress all students being drug free.

Calk Walk at the downtown Fall festival.

Anchor's annual Powder Puff football game fundraiser. Eastman Pilots will run the concessions for the Anchors.

Dodge Co. Anchors shown here with Pilot Club of Eastman member Nylan Hinson.





**“DISTRICT ANCHOR COORDINATOR”**

I am excited about the upcoming District Anchor Convention planned for February 28 – March 2, 2014 at Legacy Lodge and Convention Center at Lake Lanier Islands. Attached to this newsletter you will find the convention registration form (\$100 per person), the convention regulations, permission forms (required of each Anchor), hotel reservation info (\$122 plus 13% tax-watch cut-off date). The theme chosen by your Anchor Board is “Under the Sea/Trolling for Treasure” so plan now to attend and search for the hidden treasure. We have some different awards that will be given this year at convention. We will be giving an award to the club that raises the most money for Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. The Anchor board set a goal of \$8,000.00 dollars. I would love to see us reach that goal. If your club

participates in sending shoeboxes to children at Christmas time please keep a tally of how many you send and turn it in at convention. We will give an award for the most shoeboxes sent.

We have a lot of new opportunities for Anchor’s this year. Pilot International has partnered with Do Something .Org. If you have not checked into this please check it out. They have some wonderful service projects that you may participate in. Pilot International has also partnered with Safe Kids Worldwide. Please check out [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org) for more information.

This year you will find a new Anchor Club of the Year Award form. Please read this carefully as the due dates and qualifications have changed. We also have a new Anchor Advisor of the Year form. The deadline for the Anchor Club

of the year is February 28, 2014. The Advisor of the Year Award needs to be postmarked by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The reason for the changes is that the Anchor year has changed to run with the school year. Your Anchor Club of the Year Award and Advisor of the Year should run August/September until mid-April. If your club is chosen as Club of the Year at convention you will receive the award back so that you can add to it. It will be your responsibility to make sure it is submitted to Pilot International by the deadline.

This newsletter is jam-packed with information about awards, scholarships, district officer nominations and Freedom’s Foundation. Please read about each and decide what awards you want to enter. As always, your district Anchor officers and I are always available to help. Please contact any of us when you have questions.

Mary Turner



**“GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR”**

As 2013 draws to an end we need to start thinking about our leaders for the next Pilot year. Leadership is a skill that can be learned and developed through your Anchor Club. Working as an officer at the club level is the first step toward putting your leadership skills into practice. The advanced training comes with working at the District Level of Anchor. The leadership experience and training gained in Anchor along with the volunteer opportunities will result in members becoming dynamic leaders of tomorrow. Consider a District office for Anchor.

February 3, 2014 is the deadline for Georgia Pilot 2014 Anchor Scholarships. Scholarship winners will be announced at Lake Lanier Island on March 1, 2014 during the Georgia Anchor Convention. Anchor Advisors will have additional information about scholarship applications. Step up and take the lead and apply for the Anchor Scholarships.

In friendship and service,

Patricia Whatley



Roswell Anchors Eleena & Georgia setting up for “Sunday in the Park” at the Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta.





**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.



Roswell Anchors Claire, Shannon, Nadia & Hannah at Roswell Youth Day.

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

In order to get information timely to the Anchor Advisors and Pilot Anchor Coordinators, We 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](mailto:turnerma@elberton.net).



RHS Anchors Eleena, Georgia & Sarah at their Bake Sale.



**facebook**

Georgia District Anchor has a Facebook page. Please go and like us on Facebook. This is a place where you can share your service projects and programs.



**Attached to this Newsletter are the following documents:**

- District Officer Nomination
- District Officer Requirements
- Hotel Information (Anchor Convention)
- Parents Permission Form
- Anchor Convention Registration Form
- Anchor Scholarship Application
- GPF Scholarship Application
- Community Services Application
- Convention Regulations
- Criteria for Scrapbooks

