

"Anchors Aweigh"

**2016 - 2017
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Anchor President

Hey Anchors! My name is Cathleen Mellor. Yes, I'm your 2016-2017 President for the Georgia District Anchor Club, but I'm a typical teenage girl too. I'm a social butterfly, running freak, Pinterest fanatic, and zealous traveler. Aside from all those things, what you need to know about me is that I am passionate about serving others.

I'm eager to be a part of the Georgia District Board again this year. At the beginning of August Officers met to discuss Anchor Convention and we are happy to announce this year's theme is "Swingin' on a Star"! Our theme will capture the patriotic feel of the 1940's. We are introducing some new traditions at convention this year so even if you've come before, don't hesitate to save the date. You have my word that it will be a great time for all.

Leading as president of the Anchor Club at my school, Roswell High School, I can already start to see my local community getting together to serve. (See Cynthia's article for an update about that) I hope everyone has had great start to the school year and has begun their service projects as well. I would love to hear about all the things you are doing in your club, so please share updates with your region chair so we can get it published.

It's going to be a great year for Anchor in service and a great time at convention too! Don't forget to start collecting books for the Zambezi project and pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! Until next month,

Cathleen Mellor

Anchor President-Elect

My name is Susanna Grafton and I am your 2016-2017 Georgia District Anchor President Elect. The first time I heard about Anchor club was when I was handed an invitation to join at the beginning of my sophomore year. Not knowing what this strange Anchor organization was, I depended on Google (as usual) to bring me answers. The more I read, the more I was amazed by how much this club can positively impact everyone involved. It didn't take much perusing on the Anchor International website to find that this was the club for me. Anchor offered opportunities to not only be more involved in my school, but also in my community as well as giving me the chance to develop my leadership skills and long lasting friendships.

Since joining Anchor, I have been able to be a part of true community moments such as Challenge Air. Challenge Air was created in 1992 to help reinvent the way children with special needs see the world through the gift of flight. We brought together some local pilots and gave all our children with special needs a day of fun!

I am excited to see what new adventures this year will bring us!

Susanna Grafton



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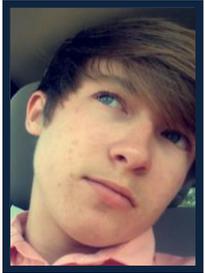


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Let's Meet Our New Anchor Board...



ANCHOR SE REGION CHAIR
REESE HADDOCK

Hello everyone, my name is Reese Haddock I am a student at Portal Middle High School in Bulloch County, and I am your new Southeast Region Chair.

I have been an anchor member 2 years now and have over 100 hours! I also am an active FFA member and play soccer which takes up a lot of my free time but it's all worth it! When I started in this club my freshman year I just joined because my parents forced me and said it would look good on a college application, and slowly through the year as I saw the difference I was making and the people I was helping I was hooked on this club. It is a great thing everyone is doing and I can't wait to help this year will be an amazing year with all the new members and support.



ANCHOR SW REGION CHAIR
EMILEE POPPELL

Hi! I am Emilee Poppell, Southwest Region Chair. I am a senior at Bainbridge High School. I am actively involved in many activities in my school such as, BHS Danceline, Swim Team, Track, FCA, and Student Council. I am also the President of our Anchor Club at our school this year. During this school year our Anchor Club plans to be involved in our elementary school's field day and fall festivals, and a Breast Cancer Awareness luncheon. I am excited to be working with other Anchors from the State to make our club even better! Also, I am very excited to be on the Anchor board for my Senior year!



ANCHOR NE REGION CHAIR
ELIZA KATE FLOYD

Hey everyone! I'm so glad to be representing the Northeast region this year as the Northeast Region Chair! I am currently a sophomore at Franklin County High School where I am a member of all sorts of clubs. I am the president-elect of our local anchor club this year and will be promoted to president next year! I have been an anchor member going on two years. I joined anchor because my older sister was in anchor and I saw how much fun it was to help make your community a better place! This year our anchor club is working on sending care packages to those serving overseas. We believe that giving those people an extra boost will help them get through any of their hard days! Once again I'm super excited to represent you guys as your Northeast Region Chair!



ANCHOR NW REGION CHAIR
CYNTHIA RODY

Hey! I am Cynthia Roby, and I will be the NW Region Chair for Georgia District Anchor this year. I am a senior at Roswell High School and am the secretary of our school Anchor Club. I am also a member of my school's student council. This will be my third year in Anchor Club, and I am so excited at the progress we have made. Our school club has become much more involved with Blessings in a Backpack which is an amazing outreach program that helps feed our community. Also, we have continued to support March of Dimes and Books for Zambezi. I love being a part of Anchor Club because it allows me to not only help my local community, but also to make a difference worldwide. I am super excited for this upcoming year of Anchor to see all that we can do!





Let's Meet Our New Anchor Board...



**ANCHOR EC REGION CHAIR
SACHIN PILLAY**

I would like to introduce myself. I am Sachin Pillay and this year I am representing John Milledge Academy on the 2016 Anchor Convention Board, as I hold the position of the East Central Chair. I am truly excited and honored to take part in this exciting venture of planning and coordinating one the most respected service organizations that high school students can join today. Personally I joined my local Anchor club in my third year of high school, this year being my forth and last year. In my short time in Anchor I have experienced such endearing memories and selfless service projects that will last a lifetime. One project in particular comes to mind. Our school organized a canned goods drive for the local food pantry. What stuck out in particular is when it came time to organize and package the hundreds upon hundreds of items for delivery. This monumental task was only accomplished by the coordination and teamwork of our entire anchor club. Members from every class came together to get this job done. This level of teamwork not only served the people of our surrounding community, but also alleviated the burden of our Anchor club sponsor, who worked tirelessly to see the project's success. Anchor club has given me an immense opportunity to take action within my community and make a difference.



**ANCHOR CONVENTION CHAIR
PRESCILLA LYLE**

Hello everyone! My name is Prescilla Lyle and I am your 2016-2017 Convention Chair. I am a senior at John Milledge Academy. I have been a member of my school's Anchor Club for 3 years now and I have loved every minute of it. It's very nice knowing that so many have had a positive effect in their town or school. While I am an active student in Beta and NHS, Anchor is truly my passion. Good luck to everyone with their service projects! This year's convention is going to be a blast and I can't wait to enjoy it with everyone.

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.

2016-17 Service Project

Pull Tabs

Please save your pull tabs. We will have a competition to see which Anchor club can bring the most to convention. Please place the tabs in gallon jugs and label them with your club name. The club turning in the most full gallon jugs of pull tabs will win. These will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.



Anchor Convention

February 24-26, 2017

Legacy Lodge - Lake Lanier Islands



Theme:



**Swinging
ON A STAR**



“Anchors 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 “Anchors 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.

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.



Anchors from Putnam and Gatewood HS helping to put up the Hospital Art from the convention at the Eatonton Health and Rehabilitation

GA District Governor

As the Governor of the Georgia District, I am very proud of the service that the Anchors perform in their communities. Working to help others shows that you are willing to reach out to show compassion and a giving spirit. Often it is the small acts of kindness that bring the most joy, not just to the recipient but to the giver. Remember, we have two hands, one to receive and one to give. As Anchors, you also have an opportunity to gain leadership skills that you will be able to use as you go on to college and become employed as citizens in your communities.

I am looking forward to “Soaring into Service” with you this year.

Cynthia Spearman



Anchor Coordinator

Welcome to a new Anchor year! I hope everyone is off to a great start. I would like to take this time to congratulate Christie Haggard from Madison County on winning second place in Anchor Adviser of the Year, and Cindy Nunn for winning third place in the Anchor Adviser of the Year. John Milledge Academy won the Community Service and Visibility Award from Pilot International. Please consider entering the awards at the international level and district level. On the District level we award scrapbook, community service, and club of the year. The winning club of the year is then sent to Pilot International to be judged with clubs from all over. There are two different categories for club of the year. One is for clubs 40 and under, and the other is for clubs over 40. If you do not enter you cannot win.

Anchor Convention will be February 24-26, 2017 at Legacy Lodge on Lake Lanier Islands. Please start making plans to attend. The Anchor Board met on August 6 to plan convention, and they have some exciting things in store for this year’s convention. Room reservations have to be made by January 28, 2017. The rooms went up a little this year. The rooms will be \$131.00 a night.

Please remember that Anchor dues are due by November 1, 2016. Pilot International dues are \$14.00 and should be mailed to Pilot Headquarters, and Georgia District dues are \$8.00 and should be mailed to Shelby Holland. You should have received an email with the forms attached. We are trying something new this year. We are going to send out the needed forms separate from the newsletter. Please let me know if you do not receive the forms.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything that I can do to help make your Anchor year a success!

Mary Turner

Assistant Anchor Coordinator

I am a 2nd grade teacher at Lanier Primary in Bryan County. I have been a Pilot for 12 years. I have worked with Anchors for the past 8 years. I am the current President of the Pilot Club of Statesboro.

Kerrin Daniels



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

**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.



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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.



Centennial HS Anchors Emma & Mehalet help sort toiletries for veterans at recent Stand Up for Stand Down project with Pilots.



Roswell HS Anchor Officers, District Anchor President Cathleen, Lindsay, NW Region Chair Cynthia, Hannah, Laura & Kara at Stripe Spirit Day



Past District Anchor President Mary Stuart Shannon with future Anchors Collin & Spencer Burdett delivered pop tabs collected from the last Anchor Convention to the Ronald McDonald House. The largest donation this year. Keep up the good work Anchors, you'll need to raise the bar for the next Convention in February!

