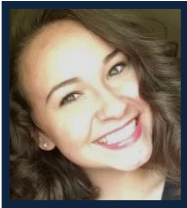


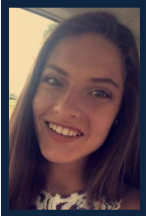


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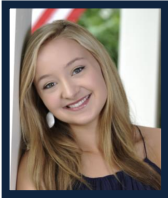
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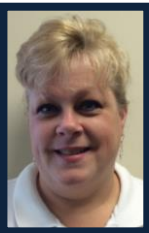
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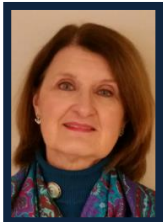
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Anchor President

Greetings Anchors! I am Susanna Grafton, and I have the honor of introducing myself as your 2017-2018 Georgia District Anchor President. I have had the pleasure of being a part of Anchor for three years, and as my senior year of high school progresses, I find myself more enthusiastic than ever for the work that we do as Anchors. This past July, I was able to attend Pilot International Convention in Las Vegas, NV. My fellow Anchors and I spent two hours at the local food bank assisting in the packaging of over six thousand meals to children in the area suffering from hunger. As I loaded and reloaded the packagers' bins of granola (I was in charge of supplying all the lines with granola), I was overcome with a sense of passion, purpose, and yes, exhaustion, but give me a break. It was this drive that I felt then and so many times before that pushed me to be an Anchor, to do more.

I would love nothing more than to know that each one of you can feel that drive as well. I want your experience at this coming convention to be just as energetic and, might I say, magical as my experience in Nevada. The board has met. The plans have been drawn up. I believe we have just the idea to make our convention the best you have been to with three words, "Anchors in Paradise." We have decided to go with a Hawaiian theme this year! So, be prepared for great food and even greater activities.

I look forward to see just where this year will take us,

Susanna

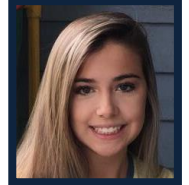


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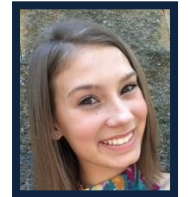
Hi Georgia Anchors! My name is Eliza Kate Floyd and I am the Georgia District President Elect, as well as the president of the Franklin County High School Anchor Club. I am very excited for this coming year as a member of both of these officer teams. Anchors in Franklin County get the opportunity to serve our community in many ways. This year we are hoping to participate in some new community service projects like helping to build a "Habitat" house in our community, as well as helping those that have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. I hope to see you all at convention in February!

Eliza Kate Floyd

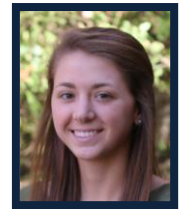
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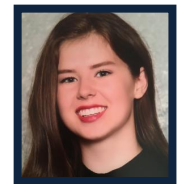
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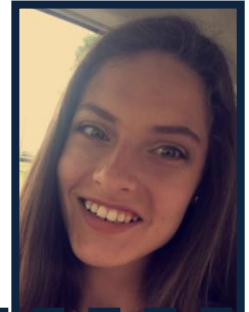
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Anchor SE Region Chair
Kayley Perry



Anchor Secretary
Abbi Crosby



Hi, my name is Kayley Perry and I am your 2017-2018 South East Region Chair. I am a Junior at West Laurens High School where I am a captain in the band and I am on the tennis team. I am also the President-Elect of Anchor Club at my school and I am so excited for the upcoming year and all the projects we have planned. Anchor club is one of my favorite things because I love the people I get to work with and I love helping people in need. Community service holds a dear spot in my heart and caring for others in need is something that always brings me lots of joy. I am beyond lucky to hold positions at the local level and the state level to represent an organization so personal to me. I wish you all the very best this school year and I hope to see everyone at this year's upcoming Anchor Convention.

Hello Anchors, my name is Abbi Crosby and I am a senior at Rabun County High School. I am so excited for another year of community service and preparing for convention. This past year before the winter break, Rabun County Anchors got the opportunity to help out with our primary school's "Breakfast with Santa". My grandma always used to say, "A child has a special way of adding joy to every day." We all got to interact with all of the sweet kids as they waited to tell Santa what they wanted most for Christmas. They were so excited and it just melted my heart as they hopped onto Santa's lap with such enthusiasm and told him what they wanted. We also often assist our local animal shelter. We plan a day where we go and we help around the animal shelter. We play with the cats, walk the dogs, and help clean up around the shelter. I am a huge fan of animals so this service project is one of my favorites. A Food Bank just recently opened up in our county. Many anchors volunteer to help at the food bank where we package food into boxes and then they get distributed to families that have difficulty purchasing food. These are only a few service projects that we accomplish each year. I hope these projects could spread to other anchor clubs in Georgia as well! It was a busy year for us last year and I hope it is the same for us this year as we plan to help with many service projects around our community. Anchor Club has helped me develop leadership skills and I have also gained many new friends. I encourage all anchor members to attend the next convention. It will be so much fun as we have many exciting things planned! I cannot wait to see everyone at the upcoming Anchor Convention!

Anchor NE Region Chair
AnnaGrace Tompkins



Hey everyone! I'm super excited to be representing the Northeast Region as your 2017-2018 Northeast Region Chair. I am currently a junior at Franklin County High School and an active member of various clubs. I am the President-Elect for our local chapter and have been an Anchor member going on three years. I have always had a passion for serving others and Anchor Club has provided me with a tremendous opportunity to do just that. This year, our local chapter will be working not only to improve our community, but to be more involved with fellow students by providing free tutoring. Have an amazing year of service, and I hope to see you all at convention!

Anchor EC Region Chair
Olivia Ryals



Hi! I'm Olivia Ryals, the East Central Region Chair. I'm a sophomore in high school, fifteen to be exact. This is my second year on the Sr. Beta Club and my first year being a board member for Anchor Club. I joined the Jr. Magnolia State Bank board this year which has been amazing so far. I am on the varsity track team for my school, John Milledge Academy. I really do love volunteering at the animal rescue foundation in Milledgeville because of all the adorable animals I am able to help.



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Anchor SW Region Chair
Yasmin Guzman

My name is Yasmin Guzman. I am 18 years old and the eldest of three. Painting, drawing, and Taekwondo are a few of my favorite activities. Currently, I am a Senior at Bainbridge High School and part of the 2018 class. My career goal is to become a Pediatrician.



Anchor Convention Chair
Olivia Salter

Hello! My name is Olivia Salter and I am a senior at John Milledge Academy in Milledgeville, GA. I am the president of my school's Anchor Club as well as the GA Convention Chair this year. I run cross country and have been a spirit and competition cheerleader throughout middle and high school. This year I am the captain of both squads. I am the editor of my school's yearbook and I am extremely involved in clubs at my school. My plans for after graduation are to attend the University of Georgia where I hope to major in Communications and Law. I look forward to planning a wonderful Anchor Convention this year!

Anchor NW Region Chair
Anna Hovater



Hello fellow anchors! I hope everyone has become easily adjusted into the school year. This year will be an exciting one for Roswell High School Anchor Club as a whole because we will be apart of very great things, and the year will be one to remember for me because I am newly President. We are continuing to participate in projects this year that we always assist in; such as Blessings in a Backpack, Georgia Artists with DisAbilities, Santa's Workshop, and many others! We are excited to begin working with Traumatic Brain Injury Packets, and hope to introduce the wonderful project to Convention this year. We are hoping to begin introducing and including Anchor Club to children with disabilities at our high school, which would be an excellent addition to the incredible club we have already. Roswell High School Anchor Club will be striving to better serve our community this year, and I encourage all of you individually to do the same. Here's to a great school year!

Anchor Convention February 23-25, 2018

Legacy Lodge
Lake Lanier Islands



"Anchors in Paradise"
Hawaiian Theme

"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 kerrin.daniel@gmail.com 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.

2017-18 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.



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Anchor Coordinator Kerrin Daniel

I am looking forward to working with each and every club to embrace Governor Katharine's vision of "Shining the Light of Service". This year promises to be one of growth and recognition for our District Anchor clubs. Our Anchors are enthusiastic and hard working. More importantly, they are the future of Pilot. I was recently asked how to grow membership in local clubs. I responded by stressing the importance of investing in the future- Anchors! Anchors want to continue their path of service beyond their middle and high school years. Make sure you support your local Anchor clubs or consider chartering one! They are energetic,

innovative, and truly desire to help others. Just talk to them. You'll be impressed! Our Georgia District Anchor President, Susanna Grafton, was recently awarded a \$5000 scholarship by PI President, Connie Moore, at convention (An anonymous donor was so impressed with her after her participation in the flag ceremony.) I was so proud of her and all of the Georgia Anchors at our annual Anchor Leadership Summit in Las Vegas. They represented our district well. Anchors participated in a Square One project packing meals for over 60,000 needy children. They tried out the new skirts for our BrainMinders program and learned about honing their leadership skills (pictured below). Most importantly, they made new friends and embraced a lifelong desire to serve. I challenge each of you to reach out to your Anchor Clubs and light a pathway of service for them. You'll be glad you did!

Kerrin

Anchor President Susanna walking in with the Anchor Flag at the Flag Ceremony at the PI Convention in Las Vegas



Past PI President Connie Moore presented Anchor President Susanna with the \$5000 scholarship from an anonymous donor for Dreams Ahead Scholarship.
Congratulations! Susanna



GA District Governor Katharine Banning



Greetings, Anchors! Welcome to a new year! I am excited to introduce myself, Katharine Banning, as the Georgia District Pilot Governor for the 2017-18 year. My theme for this year is "Shining the Light of Service", and the emblem I have chosen is the lighthouse. Lighthouses are, by definition, lights of service — providing a necessary aid to navigation, before the days of GPS and radar. Lighthouses and their keepers protected ships at sea by warning them of unseen dangers. While most lighthouses have gone out of service, replaced by more modern technology, the service we, as Pilots and Anchors, provide to others will always be needed.

I encourage you to work closely with your sponsoring Pilot Clubs; there are many things that we can learn from each other. I also encourage as many of you as possible to attend your District Convention in February. Convention is a great opportunity to make new friends and share ideas with other Anchors from all across the state.

We have a wonderful group of Anchors in Georgia, and I look forward to hearing about all of the activities and projects that you accomplish this year.

Katharine



Assistant Anchor Coordinator Sheryl Merrey

I am excited about our upcoming Anchor year and the great convention we'll have in February. I truly believe in Anchors, they are the future and I am impressed with their enthusiasm in undertaking wonderful service projects. I have been a Pilot since 2001, first in the PC of Crystal River, FL and currently in the PC of Atlanta where I am the Anchor Advisor for the Anchor clubs at Roswell and Centennial High Schools. I am the mother of three, and have three grandchildren who love assisting with Anchor activities and service projects.

Sheryl





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

In order to get timely 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 Kerrin Daniels at kerrin.daniel@gmail.com.



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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.



Roswell HS Anchors gathering with Blessings in a Backpack Coordinator Melissa Arch. Pictured: Abigail & Cathleen Mellor, Lindsay Hasson, Kara Coulter, Hannah Shaban, Asst. Anchor Coordinator Sheryl Merrey, Maisha Tasnim & Ms. Arch.

Centennial HS Anchors Ella Hadaway, Tess Ford & Sequoyah Ford recruiting new Anchors at CHS Orientation



West Laurens Anchor Club President-Elect Kayley Perry and Service Projects Chair Harley Newman work to put together welcome back messages for the faculty and staff at West Laurens High School. The message also had a piece of candy attached to it to help sweeten the first day back to school. The West Laurens Anchor Club will have its first official club meeting for 2017 on September 7th where they will plan their upcoming projects and events.

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.

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