



"Anchors Aweigh"

**2015 - 2016
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ANCHOR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Anchors! I hope that all of you have had a wonderful holiday filled with family, food, and fun. I cannot believe it is 2016 already! I strongly encourage all of you to continue your hard work because an act (no matter how small) truly has the power of transforming the world. I know that in the midst of service projects and tedious tasks we sometimes lose sight of the bigger picture.

All of the officers this year have worked extremely hard to come up with activities for convention that will rekindle your love for service and remind you why you became an Anchor in the first place. This year's theme is "Anchors Go To Hollywood." We are going to be having a scavenger hunt, movie night, and tons of fun activities. Moreover, we are going to have engaging speakers and exciting as well as stimulating workshops (Self Defense is back). We will have a Dance called "A Night at the Oscars". There will also be games with an opportunity to win prizes and gift cards. Don't miss out!!! REGISTER NOW :)

I encourage you to run for office. You will not regret it. Nomination forms are due February 2nd. I can't wait for February to get here so I can meet all you at Convention. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Erika Reddy



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.



Tammy Dalton-Pilot Club of Madison County Anchor Coordinator, Linda Hazinski-Pilot Treasurer, Christie Haggard-Anchor Advisor, Jayne Lackey-Pilot President, India McElroy-Student Pilot, Karen Fitzpatrick-Pilot Vice-President, and Sue Stone assisted Madison County Anchors with their annual Winter Scarf project. Over 75 scarves were made and distributed at Advantage Homeless Day Service Center and Veterans Medical Clinic.





GA District Anchor Convention

February 26 – 28, 2016

Legacy Lodge and Convention Center
Lake Lanier Islands

WHAT TO BRING TO CONVENTION

Refreshments for Convention

East Central Region - Chips, muffins & fruit

Northeast Region – Canned drinks, please remember to include some diet drinks and water

Northwest Region – Granola Bars & Fruit (Clementine's)

Southwest Region - Little Debbie Snacks

Southeast Region – Individually wrapped candy, chocolate



Theme
"Anchors Go to Hollywood"

WHAT TO BRING TO CONVENTION

Door Prizes – Each club needs to bring two door prizes around \$5.00 to \$10.00 each. If you do not know what to bring you may bring gift cards.

Milk jugs filled w/pop tabs - prize for club bringing most for Ronald McDonald



Bring Books for the Zambezi Project



Pilot Anchor Board
2 pieces of fleece for Anchor project

WORKSHOPS

Self Defense

Zumba

"Educational" (Resume, ACT/SAT prep, Leadership/Personality)

Packaging:

Books for Africa

Blessings in a Backpack with handmade cards
(Food items for each region to bring for Blessings in a Backpack Workshop. We will be packing 60 bags and making cards to enclose)

NE - 60 Fruit cups & mac n Cheese cups or boxes

NW - 60 Oatmeal, Fruit & Popcorn, card supplies

EC - 60 Horizon Milk boxes,(reg or chocolate)

SW - 60 Soup & Fruit Snacks

SE - 60 Tuna

First Aid/CPR





DISTRICT GOVERNOR

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. As we ring in the New Year, we welcome Eric Malmquist as the new Anchor Specialist at Pilot Headquarters. Some of you will remember him as Jack's assistant at Anchor International Convention in Orlando last summer. He is hoping to visit our Anchor Convention at Lake Lanier.

We will be returning to Legacy Lodge February 26-28, 2016, so check the attachments for important information. Included are the convention registration, **(\$100 per person), hotel and reservation info (\$129 plus 13% tax – note the cut-off date), convention regulations and required permission forms.**

Please check the Anchor Club website: www.anchorclubintl.org for the Anchor Club of the Year Award. Again this year there will be two awards; one for clubs with less than 40 members, and the other will go to a club with more than 40 members. Also available on the website are Advisor of the Year and Community Service Awards. Please follow all directions for your applications. This is also scholarship season, so please note the applications included with the attachments, being mindful of requirements and deadlines.

Anchors will be electing new officers for the upcoming 2016-2017 Anchor year. We had several candidates run for the same office last year, which made the election very exciting. Serving at the district level will help develop leadership skills for life! Past President Mary Stuart Shannon successfully ran for Class Secretary at her college in Florida. She credits her Anchor experience for the confidence to seek office and serve.

I look forward to seeing you at convention and celebrating your accomplishments! Please don't hesitate to contact me or your district Anchor officers if you need help or have questions.

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Centennial HS Anchors packing for Blessings in a Backpack

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

"My New Year's Wish for You"

*My New Year's wish for you, Anchor Friends,
Is not a simple one.
For I wish you hope and joy and peace
Days filled with warmth and sun.
I wish you love and friendship, too
Throughout the coming year
Lots of laughter and merriment
To fill your world with cheer.
May you count your blessings, one by one
And when totaled by the lot
May you find all you've been given
To be more than what you sought
May your journeys be short, your burdens light
May your spirit never grow old
May all your clouds have silver linings
And your rainbows pots of gold
I wish this all and so much more
May all your dreams come true
May you have a Happy New Year, Anchors,
And happiness from service all year through.*

Happy New Year!

Governor Grace



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THE REGIONAL CHAIR

Hello Anchors, I hope everyone is having a great year so far. Starting off the year for the West Laurens anchor club we helped work a fall festival that one of our elementary schools hosted, that was a lot of fun. Then we helped out at our local Veteran's Day program that the VA hospital puts on every year. While helping we were able to serve the veterans and talk to them about their lives, which was a really cool experience. We also handmade a ton of cards to give out to all the veterans and they really seemed to enjoy them. We held a spirit night at Chick-fil-A to help raise money for our club, where we got to help serve the customers and wait on them. We also just finished up one of our favorite service projects that we do every year, which is called the Polar Express. It is a two weekend event that our local Pilot Club puts on. At the event kids can ride a train and listen to the story about the Polar Express, while the Anchor members act out the story at the different stations. It has been a busy first half of the year but definitely fun, and we cannot wait to see everyone at Anchor Convention coming up very soon.

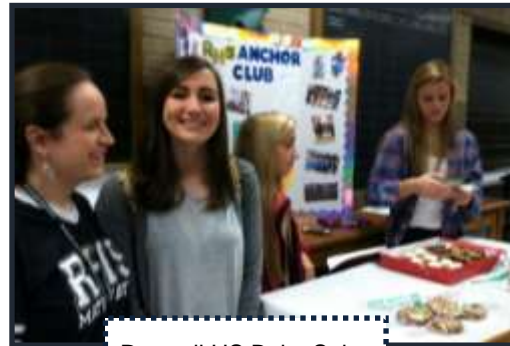
Presley Perry



NW REGION CHAIR

Hello all Anchors and Pilots. This is Matthew Jones. Anchor club in the Northwest Region of Georgia is back for another year of exciting community service. Over the holiday break, many of our Anchors participated in Santa's workshop, where we help children pick out presents for their family members. This was a heartwarming and amazing experience to be a part of. We are also raising tons of books to send to our good friends in Zambezi, and will continue to throughout the rest of this year. One of my favorite projects is Blessings in a Backpack. This project aims to give meals to children who are unable to receive meals over the weekend. This project is fun and easy to do, and a group of five people can easily make great and nutritious meals for at least 100 children in under an hour. I hope projects like this one can begin to spread to the rest of Georgia and ultimately to the rest of America! Hopefully the Northwest Region will continue to provide great community service for the years to come.

Matthew Jones



Roswell HS Bake Sale

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.

**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 Sheryl Merrey at sherylmerrey@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.



"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 sherylmerrey@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.





Roswell & Centennial HS Anchor Elves wrapping gifts at Santa's Workshop



Madison County Pilots and Anchors assist with Madison County Special Olympics:

The Pilot Club of Madison County and the Madison County High School Anchor Club worked together to assist and serve with the Madison County Special Olympics held at Hull-Sanford Elementary School on Thursday, October 8, 2015.

There were 13 Pilot Club members present that came out to provide and serve refreshments to all the participants. They were joined by 7 members of the MCHS Anchor Club, three Anchor Advisors and 2 Anchor Coordinators from the Pilot Club who helped in different areas of the competitions during the Special Olympics.

This event is near and dear to our hearts as we gather to celebrate and cheer on the competitors.

Attached to the email with the Newsletter are the following documents (Forms 1):

2016 Anchor Convention Information

- 2016 Anchor Convention Registration Form
- Hotel Information
- Convention Parent/Guardian Permission Form
- Anchor Convention Rules & Regulations

Attached to the email with the Newsletter are the following documents (Forms 2):

- 2016 GPF Scholarship Application
- Anchor Scholarship Application
- PI Anchor Photo Release Form
- PI Youth Protection Policy
- Criteria for Judging Scrapbooks
- Community Service Application

