



# "Anchors Aweigh"

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## "A Message from our President"

Ahoy Anchors! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season enjoying food, family and friends. Roswell and Centennial High Anchors took on the role of elves helping with Santa's Workshop before break, and now we are full speed ahead planning our March for Babies fundraiser. However, first we must travel around the world to the GA District Anchor Convention! If you have not already registered you need to immediately when you finish reading this. We have workshops, games and fantastic speakers planned for the weekend. I want to remind you to continue collecting toiletry items for Veterans and books for the Zambezi Project so your club can win the award. I also encourage those of you who are interested to run for a district office, it is well worth it. Nomination forms are due February 2. As always feel free to contact me with any questions and I cannot wait to see you all at Convention! ☺

*Mary Stuart Shannon*



Former Roswell Anchor Erick with Shannon, Anchor President Mary Stuart & Cathleen at the Roswell Anchor Pecan Sale



**Anchor Elves at Santa's Workshop**

Centennial HS: Alison, Caroline & Brittany  
Roswell HS: Matthew & Morgan



Roswell Anchors Claire & Elizabeth Chan at Santa's Workshop

### 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.





**ANCHOR EC REGION CHAIR**

I hope everyone's year is going great so far and I hope everyone is doing great things in their Anchor Clubs. We have done several service projects so far this year in the West Laurens Anchor Club. First, we did an activity called BrainMinders where we went and spoke to 1<sup>st</sup> graders about bike and helmet safety and we handed out free bicycle helmets. We also helped out at the Veterans Day program our local VA hospital had. At the program, we got to sit and talk with retired war veterans. It was a very special time. Our next service project was at Christmas and it was with the local pilot club. The polar express is where kids got to ride a train around while we acted out the story and handed out milk & cookies. We gave them bells to ring and they even got to talk to Santa. It has been a good year so far. I can't wait for convention and to see what the rest of the year holds.

*Presley Perry*



**ANCHOR CONVENTION CHAIR**

I hope everyone's year is going great so far! I'm a member of the John Milledge Academy anchor club and also your state convention chair. During the first quarter of the school year our club has been very busy. We have contributed to "Stuff the truck" from October 29 - November 6 where we raised canned goods for our community. Several of our anchors dressed up as elves for the L.E.C. Christmas party on December 6th and also for the pilot club Christmas tree lighting on December 5th.

Over the course of this semester we have also been reading to a kindergarten class which we have enjoyed very much. We are looking forward to the next semester of this year and are very excited for what is has in store for us.

*Harleigh Bass*

**2015-2016 District Officers Needed**

Are you a leader in your club? Do you want to learn leadership skills? Then YOU are needed to run for District Office. The current President Elect will automatically become President at the convention in March. The following officers will be elected to serve July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| President-Elect        | East Central Region Chair |
| Secretary              | West Central Region Chair |
| Convention Chair       | Southeast Region Chair    |
| Northeast Region Chair | South West Region Chair   |
| Northwest Region Chair |                           |

The President-Elect must be a 10th grader when elected and will serve as President Elect in 11th grade, the President in 12th grade. All other officers may be in any grade. The delegates all vote for President Elect, Secretary and Convention Chair. Region Chairs are elected by their own Region's delegates.

Many times we get to convention without nominees for some offices. Let's don't let that happen this year. All nominations are due to Ms. Turner 45 days prior to convention – January 16, 2015.

**West Laurens Anchors helped with the PC of Dublin's Polar Express project**



**WE NEED YOU!**



Maritza Martinez, Anchor Club president, was the winner of the Dodge County High School Wee Injuns t-shirt design contest recently. Shown wearing their t-shirts are Wee Injuns Griffin Fordham and Anslee Ashley with Maritza.



**Our Vision: Pilot International envisions a world where all is valued.**

**Georgia District Website: [www.pilotgeorgia.com](http://www.pilotgeorgia.com) --- Pilot International Website: [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org)**



## GA District Anchor Convention

February 27 - March 1, 2015

Legacy Lodge and Convention Center  
Lake Lanier Islands

### Theme "Anchors Around the World"



#### What to Bring to Convention

##### Refreshments for Convention

East Central Region - Chips and Sweets

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

Northwest Region – Fruit and Granola Bars

West Central Region – Canned drinks, Cheeze-its, and Chex Mix

Southwest and Southeast Region – Individually wrapped candy

#### What to Bring to Convention

Toiletry Items for Homeless Veterans - During one of the workshops we will assemble toiletry bags to distribute to either a homeless shelter or a battered women's shelter. The Anchor board set a goal to **assemble 100 bags**. We are asking each region to bring a different item for the bags. Listed below is what each region is responsible for bringing.

East Central Region – Baby powder and deodorant

Northeast Region – Shampoo and Conditioner  
(can be 2 in 1)

Northwest Region – Dental Care (toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss)

West Central Region – Soap/Body wash

Southeast/Southwest – Hand Sanitizer and antiseptic wipes/cream

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.



We will be giving an award to the club that brings in the most books for the Zambezi Book Project



ZAMBEZI  
SCHOOLBOOK  
PROJECT  
REACHING ISOLATED  
CHILDREN

The Zambezi Schoolbook Project provides reading material to children in South Africa. The greatest need seems to be leisure reading books for Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade (ages 5-13). However, all gently used or new books for children and teens will be welcomed and distributed. For more information you may visit the following website: [clauda-and-barbara@zambezischoolbookproject.org](mailto:clauda-and-barbara@zambezischoolbookproject.org)

## Peach State Pride

*Stay Southern*

We are excited to announce that Derek and Kari Chitwood will be at Anchor Convention this year as our luncheon speakers. They will have a pop up store set up in the hospitality suite after lunch for you to purchase Peach State Pride items.





**“DISTRICT ANCHOR COORDINATOR”**

I am excited about the upcoming District Anchor Convention planned for February 27-March 1, 2015 at Legacy Lodge and Convention Center at Lake Lanier Islands. Attached to this newsletter you will find the convention registration form (\$100per person), the convention regulations, permission forms, (required of each Anchor), hotel reservation info (121 plus 13% tax-watch cut-off date).

The theme chosen by your Anchor Board is “Anchors Around the World” so plan now to attend and visit different countries. We have some different awards that will be given this year at convention. We will be giving an award to the club that brings in the most books for the Zambezi Book Project.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Anchor Club website. Please visit [www.anchorclubintl.org](http://www.anchorclubintl.org). The new Anchor Club of the Year Award and the Anchor Advisor of the Year Award are on the website. The deadline for submission of the Club of the Year Award will be February 13, 2015. The Anchor Club of the Year maybe submitted in a notebook or submitted electronically. Additional points will be awarded for applications that are submitted electronically. We will award two

Anchor Club of the Year awards this year. One will go to a club with under 40 members and the other will go to a club with more than 40 members. Please make sure you follow all of the directions on the application. I would like to encourage all clubs to apply for the Community Service Award, Anchor Club of the Year, and to bring a scrapbook to convention.

Please encourage Anchors to apply for scholarships. You will find applications attached to this newsletter. Please read the applications carefully and follow all of the guidelines so that we do not have to disqualify anyone submitting an application.

At convention we will be electing new Anchor officers for the 2015/16 Anchor year. Please consider running for an office or encouraging someone to run for office. We would love to have several Anchors run for each office.

This newsletter is jam packed with information about awards, scholarships, district officer nominations, and Freedoms Foundation. 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”**

Greetings and Happy New Year to GA Anchors!

Our GA District Pilot Club officers are almost as excited as GA District Anchors and Advisors about the upcoming 2015 Anchor Convention. It was so much fun the past two years that we're already looking forward to it! Get ready to learn, plan, lead, serve, and totally have fun together!

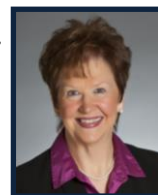
Thank you for your great projects in your communities and helping Pilots clubs with their projects, as well. Pilots and Anchors are great partners in friendship and service to others. Continue to keep the lines of communication open between your clubs and your Pilot sponsoring clubs. Calls, emails, and newsletter exchanges are all important and welcomed.

Call on your Pilot clubs when you need help or have questions about Pilot and Anchor. We are all about building stronger members and

stronger clubs through communication and commitment. Anchors can do that through exchange of ideas and sharing projects' highlights. Focus on club building and leadership at every opportunity; ask your officers to write messages with leadership tips and to share with other Anchors through Facebook, newsletters, websites, etc. Watch for leadership workshop speakers/opportunities and plan to attend the 2015 Anchor District Convention at Lake Lanier Islands and the 2015 Pilot International Convention in Orlando and take part in Anchor Summit.

I look forward to seeing you at your convention as we celebrate "Anchors Around the World."

*Judy Jackson*



Anchor member Meredith Lauren Bearden has been named the Tribe Scribe and student of the month for September at the Dodge County HS. This recognition is sponsored by the Eastman-Dodge Chamber of Commerce. Meredith is always willing to volunteer to help someone in need and never expects or wants anything in return, said Audrey Davis who nominated her. Meredith will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate good at any local business.

**East Laurens Anchors celebrating Veteran’s Day at the VA**





Each month the Dodge County High School Anchor club chooses a special project. In December their project was to provide gifts for five needy children and make them especially happy on Christmas morning. Pictured with the gifts are L-R-Brandi Rowland, Anchor advisor with some of the Anchor members Gabby Sheffield, Autumn Glover, Meredith Bearden, Maritza Martinez (club president) and Austin Barrows. The DCHS Anchor Club is proudly sponsored by the Pilot Club of Eastman.

**“GA DISTRICT ASSISTANT ANCHOR COORDINATOR”**

Hello Anchors,

Your fellow Anchors in Pretoria, South Africa are busy with new and exciting ways to raise funds so they can join you at Anchor Summit in July! They are selling beaded key chains, which would make cute ornaments. They also have miniature wooden carved African animals for sale, all crafted locally.

Good Hope Anchor President Rick Jansen reports a falloff in membership, and we can all relate, as membership is sometimes a struggle to maintain. Meeting Anchors from all over the United States and the world would reenergize us all.

Let's rally behind our newest International Anchor Club to make sure they realize their dreams! Perhaps we could form a Fundraising Partnership where all Pilots and Anchors contribute a dollar each; this could help bring the Good Hope Anchors to Orlando. They are planning to share a new Anchor Program at the Summit in Orlando, currently under wraps. So plan to attend Summit for the big reveal!

The Good Hope Anchors are very excited about our Books for Zambezi Project and hope to assist in the distribution of books Anchors and Pilots have collected. Please remember to bring any books you have collected to Lake Lanier. These books will ship in April, and the club bringing the most to Convention wins a prize!

Please contact me if anyone wishes to place an order for Good Hope Handicrafts.

Many Thanks,

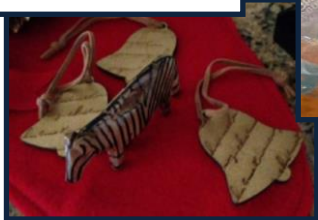
*Sheryl Merrey*

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Anchor President Rick Jensen hiking in Franshoek Cape

The Anchors from South Africa are making and selling these items for a club fundraiser



Attached with this Newsletter in the same email are the following documents:

**2015 Anchor Convention Information**

- 2015 Anchor Convention Registration Form
- Hotel Information
- Parent Permission Form

Attached with this Newsletter in the same email are the following documents:

**Scholarships & District Officer Information**

- GA District Anchor Scholarship Requirement
- GPF Scholarship Application
- Community Service Application
- District Officer Nomination Form
- District Officer Requirements

