



"Anchors Aweigh"

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

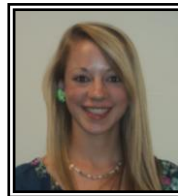
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays this past year. Now it is time for 2014! Did everyone make their resolutions??? If not, I encourage you to. Don't know what to make a resolution about? Here are a couple of ideas that will bring you closer to anchor, pilot, and a happy lifestyle.

1. Help with a fundraiser at least once a month.
2. Promote brain fitness at a local event during the summer (Even though it is break! (:)
3. Make a new friend
4. Visit Anchor Summit!
5. Come to the convention!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A new year brings new beginnings. Embrace it. As Anchors we are leaders. Let us step up to our challenges this year, and make a difference. Let us save a kid's life by a simple Brain Minders' puppet show. Let us make someone's day by saying hello with a smile. Let us be ANCHORS. We are the next generation. These years are the most crucial because you mold yourself into who you will become. As Anchors we are capable of being anything we want to be, so let us discover, love and learn to grow as individuals.

Happy New Year Anchors! Do something great this year. You can do it!

Megan Houston



Anchors Aweigh

Many of you joined Anchor Club because you have friends that are members or you enjoy doing service projects which is not any different than when I was an Anchor in high school. As I reflect back on that time Anchor helped prepare me to be a leader. I gained confidence with speaking in front of a group, being organized by balancing my school work with extracurricular activities, and most importantly, helping to improve my community. I was accepted as an Anchor in my sophomore year and proudly wore my Anchor jersey to all our events. In my senior year, I became president of the Club.

I would encourage each of you to consider not only taking a leadership role as an officer in your Club but also at the District level. District is a great place to meet other Anchors throughout Georgia with lasting friendships and develop your leadership skills. The District Anchor organization is YOUR organization, be an officer and make a difference!

Dene' Dixon

Pilot Club of Atlanta
Past Anchor Club President
Past District Governor





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.

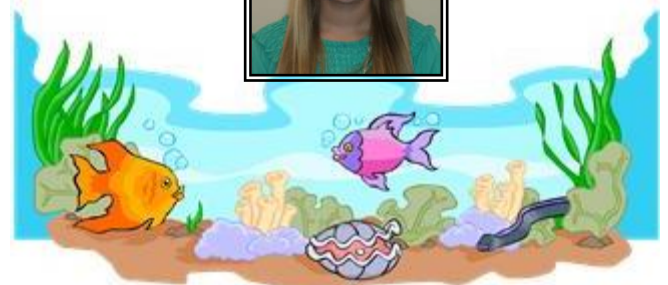
ANCHOR CONVENTION CHAIR

Hi Anchors, convention is right around the corner! The convention will be held at the Legacy Lodge and Conference Center February 28- March 2. We hope everyone enjoys our theme of the "Amazing Underwater" and all the fun activities we have planned. Please remember that each school is assigned something to bring for the hospitality room so remember to check the list for what your school has been assigned.

Also, I will need everyone's pictures for the slide show emailed to me at raeganmr@yahoo.com by February 1.

Thanks everyone, I'm looking forward to seeing you all!

Raegen Renfroe





ANCHOR NW REGION CHAIR

This fall and winter the northwest region took part in many events and drives. During December, both Roswell High School and Centennial High School participated in Santa's workshop. Anchor members participated as elves and helped children enjoy the spirit and happiness that giving brings. Our members enjoyed this very much and showed outstanding leadership and defined what kind of character Anchors have. Both of these clubs also participated in pecan sales to help raise money for Anchor convention. Roswell High School also participated in Soles for Souls, a shoe drive, and collected many shoes. Our clubs continue to collect the soda pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. This has been a terrific December and the second semester shall bring just as much service to our communities and more. We have a great start to our Anchor year and are thrilled for the rest of it.

Sam Jessen



Centennial & Roswell Anchors were elves at Santa's Workshop at the Roswell Adult Rec Center. They helped kids shop and wrap Christmas gifts for family and friends.

ANCHOR EC REGION CHAIR

Happy "a little late" Holidays everyone! I hope that you have had a great Christmas and look forward to a wonderful New Year! 2013 brought some great things for my Anchor Club chapter at West Laurens High School in Laurens County. As a club we were very fortunate to help our local Pilots in many different events, such as: the local Veterans Day Program at our VA hospital, BrainMinders events at the local elementary schools and the Dublin Pilot Club's annual Polar Express. Our club was also able to volunteer at the local Humane Society this past fall. It was a great experience playing with animals, that otherwise would receive no attention at all. One other thing that our club was able to do was sponsor two local CASA children for Christmas. We were able to buy the children gifts and make Christmas special for them. As a 4 year Anchor member with the opportunity to serve as past Vice President and current President, and the chance to serve my local community I have had the best time of my life. Anchor club has taught me so much about myself and about helping others and for that I will always be grateful. Serving as a district officer for the state level Anchor board and meeting so many great people from around the state of Georgia has been amazing too. In saying all of this, I hope to see you this February at Anchor Convention for a great time, filled with many memories, and wonderful new friends.

Ashley Perry



Centennial Elve Gillie and Roswell Elve Savannah in Wrapping Room with two young customers.



Roswell HS Elves Nadia & Claire



Centennial HS Elves Taylor, Chelsea, Gillie & Katie





"DISTRICT ANCHOR COORDINATOR"

I hope everyone had a great Christmas. This has been a very busy year. Now is time to start thinking about going to Freedom's Foundation Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, PA February 20-23, 2014. I would love to see a great number of Anchors from Georgia there, if you like learning about American History this will be a great trip for you.

After Freedom's Foundation is will be time for the Anchor Convention February 28- March 2, 2014 at Lake Lanier Island Resort. The Anchor officers are planning a great convention. Friday night we will have a treasure hunt. Don't forget to bring your donations for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Our goal is \$8, 000.00. Saturday we will elect new officers for the New Year. I know there are a lot of Anchors who would make a great officer or a region chair. All you have to do is submit your nomination. I would encourage you to run. This is a great chance to help make a difference on the district level. We will elect a President-Elect, Secretary, Convention Chair, and a Region Chair for each

region. Please help encourage your Anchors to think about running.

The Community Service Award needs to be mailed to Louise Shimmer by February 3, 2014. You will need to bring your Anchor Club of the Year and scrapbooks to convention with you. Remember the guidelines for Anchor Club of the Year have changed this year. You may find the new qualifications attached to this newsletter or at www.pilotinternational.org.

Please remember to make your room reservations by January 28 to get the convention rate. Send your registrations to Susan Harbin and a copy to me. All forms will be included in this newsletter.

Anchor advisors please remember to have your seniors apply for the Georgia District Scholarships and the GPF Scholarship. The GPF Scholarship application is sent to Robin Perry and the GA District scholarship is sent to me. The deadline for each scholarship is February 3, 2014. All winners will be announced at the Anchor Convention. There are still Anchor clubs that have not paid their GA District dues and Pilot

International dues. These dues must be paid to be in good standing at the Anchor Convention. Please remember to include the \$4.00 insurance fee for each Anchor member with your PI dues. If you have any questions please contact me and I will be glad to help. Remember if your dues are not paid your delegates cannot vote at convention and Anchors cannot run for office.

Again let me ask each of you to nominate an Anchor for a District office. There are a lot of Anchors who would make great officers. In your club you know which Anchors that you think would do a good job? This is a chance to work on and help with planning the next convention. Please work with your Anchors and encourage them to run.

We are in need to pictures of your Anchors participating in service projects, fundraisers or other events that is sponsored by your club of Pilot Club where Anchors are included. The board is planning on presenting a slide show at convention. You may email these photographs to me at turnerma@elberton.net. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mary Turner



"GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR"

Happy New Year Anchors,

Resolutions are something people always make in the New Year, so why not resolve to "Do More, Care More and Be More". This can apply to all aspects of our lives, for example school, work, social and of course Anchor. Imagine what we can accomplish with a guide like this.

I have been so excited to see all the activities your clubs have participated in this Anchor year. You are accomplishing so much in your communities. There are so many needs and you are meeting them.

Anchor convention is next month so don't forget to make your plans to attend. You will have a wonderful experience.

In friendship and service,

Patricia Whatley





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 with Pilot Club of Atlanta Anchor Coordinator Sheryl skyping with Anchors from the Anchor Club in South Africa.

**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.

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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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**

