



# "Anchors Aweigh"

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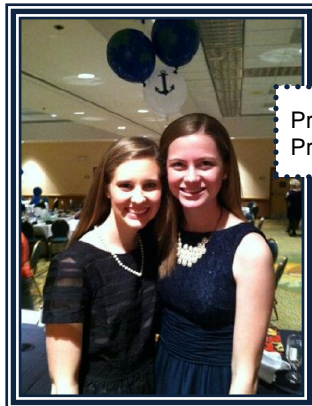
## "A Message from our President"

It's hard to believe this is the last article I am writing as your 2014-2015 GA Anchor President. It has been my pleasure serving all of you these past two years, and I am so thankful for the relationships I have formed through Anchor! I am constantly amazed at the power of our generation and am inspired by the good each of our clubs does for our local communities. I hope all of you enjoyed our Anchors Around the World convention and took home new ideas to implement into your clubs. Don't lose the passion to serve! Roswell High came home and immediately began fundraising for March for Babies, an organization to fund research to find the causes of premature births, support families, and help women have healthy full-term pregnancies. We are also working with other clubs to build a community garden and storage shed for Blessings in a Backpack, an organization that provides food to students over the weekend who often go hungry. There is still much work to do for those around us so finish out the school year strong, but never forget to Do More. Care More. and Be More.

*Mary Stuart Shannon*



GA District Governor Judy, Anchor President Mary Stuart and Mary Stuart's Mom Jenna at the GA District Convention



President Mary Stuart and incoming Anchor President-Elect Cathleen at Anchor Convention



# Congratulations!!!



to all the Anchor Seniors on your graduation and onto a great new adventure in your life.





**ANCHOR NW REGION CHAIR**  
**MORGAN JONES**

Greetings Pilots and Anchors!

I cannot believe this amazing year and my chapter of Anchor Club at Roswell High School is coming to a close. I remember back to my sophomore year at club fair looking for clubs to join and our club sponsor Pilot Mrs. Sheryl Merrey pulled me aside to describe the fundamentals of what it meant to be an Anchor. Her passionate words absolutely consumed me. I thought to myself if I could absorb the slightest hint of the rapture and devotion she possessed, then I could achieve anything. So I signed the dotted line with little knowledge of where it would take me. Anchor became apart of me.

The projects commenced as another venture, but once I saw the other side of my "labor", the people behind this "work", Anchor Club evolved into my direct service into my community. A new project, Blessings in a Backpack, brought to Roswell by Anchor Shannon Malloy arms elementary school children to combat hunger. Helping pack the goody bags, knowing I can make a child's life glow a bit brighter, is Anchor Club. Making a change in someone's life is Anchor Club. Last year, I had the opportunity to lead my district as Northwest Chair while supporting our former, and one of my most influential and compassionate friends, President Mary Stuart Shannon.

Meeting with Pilots and Anchors from all over Georgia allowed me to gain leadership and management skills that I will carry for the rest of my life. I can leave Roswell knowing that Anchor Club gifted me perspective, altruism, and the need to demand more of myself. I will carry these qualities with me as I attend the United States Naval Academy this summer.

I wish my fellow Anchors the best as they adventure out into the world, and I thank my Pilot role models for setting an example for the youth of America to look upon. I fail to elucidate and to articulate the number of lessons learned by your words, and better, your actions.

Thank you, *Morgan*

**2015-2016 Anchor Board**

**President:** Sagarika Reddy, John Milledge Academy

**President-Elect:** Cathleen Mellor, Rowsell High School

**Convention Chair:** Anahit Mehranian, John Milledge Academy

**Secretary:** Rose Scoggins, Franklin County High School

**Northwest Region Chair:** Matthew Jones, Roswell High School

**Northeast Region Chair:** Emily Bullock, Franklin County High School

**West Central Region Chair:**

**East Central Region Chair:** Presley Perry, West Laurens High School

**Southeast Region Chair:** Austin Barrows, Dodge County High School

**Southwest Region Chair:** Emille Poppell, Bainbridge High School

We need a West Central Region Chair if you know of someone that is interested please let me know.

**2015-2016 GA District Anchor Board**



The deadline for all Pilot International Anchor Awards has been extended until May 30th.

**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.





**GA District Anchor Convention**  
**Legacy Lodge and Convention Center**  
**Lake Lanier Islands**



Roswell HS Anchors Mary Stuart Shannon won a GPF Scholarship and Shannon Malloy won a GA District Scholarship.



**Award Winners**

**Community Service Award**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place -- West Laurens HS  
Place -- John Milledge Academy

**Scrapbook**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place -- Stephens County HS  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place -- West Laurens HS & Franklin County HS  
1<sup>st</sup> Place -- John Milledge Academy

**Georgia District Anchor Scholarship \$500.00**

Maggie Hall, Elbert County HS  
Karolyn Knickerbocker, Stephens County HS  
Grant Dawson, Stephens County HS  
Shannon Malloy, Roswell HS

**Georgia Pilot Foundation Scholarship \$1500.00**

Cathryn McKenzi Harper, Elbert County HS  
Mary Stuart Shannon, Roswell HS  
Parker Lack, Gatewood HS  
Taylor Thomas, Dodge County HS  
Tori Mitchell, Monroe Area HS  
Taylor Colon, Bainbridge HS



Stephens Co. HS Anchors Marissa Ivester and Ana Ivester with their Anchor Advisor Ann Hunt are 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Scrapebook winners

GA District Governor Judy Jackson installing Sagarika Reddy, the 2015-2016 GA District Anchor President



John Milledge Academy Anchors filling toiletry bags for homeless veterans at an Anchor Workshop



Roswell High School Anchors



Dodge County HS, Austin Barrows (l) was installed as the SE Region Chair and Taylor Thomas (r) was the winner of one of the \$1,500.00 scholarships awarded to GA Anchors by the GA District Pilot Foundation. Taylor plans to pursue a degree in nursing at Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA in the fall. Her plans are to become a missionary and use her nursing skills helping others. We are so proud of our Anchors and wish them the very best in their careers.

John Milledge Academy Anchors



**“DISTRICT ANCHOR COORDINATOR”**

Wow! Thanks for a wonderful Anchor Convention this year. We had 172 Anchors, Advisers, Pilots and other guest attending this year. There are currently 32 clubs in the Georgia District and 17 of those clubs were represented at convention this year. It is not too early to start making plans for next year’s convention.

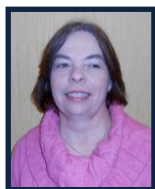
Anchor Convention 2016 will be held February 26-28, 2016. We will once again be at Legacy Lodge on Lake Lanier Island. I know that several clubs have asked about moving convention to another location. We have visited several different sites this year looking for another location. We feel that Legacy Lodge is the most secure site to host our Anchor Convention. The room rates for convention will be \$129.00 a night.

It is not too early to start planning service projects and fundraisers for next year. Anchor Club International has partnered with “Loved Twice”, an organization that collects gently used children’s clothing. For more information on this project visit the Anchor website or the Loved Twice website. ([www.anchorclubintl.org](http://www.anchorclubintl.org), [www.lovedtwice.org](http://www.lovedtwice.org))

Thanks to all of the clubs that had students run for office this year. We had something that I have never experienced before at convention. We had two run-off elections for President-Elect. I am excited to see what the new Anchor Board has in store for this coming year.

Sheryl Merrey will be the Anchor Coordinator for 2015-2016. I will be the Co-Anchor Coordinator for 2015-2016. Thanks for all that you do for our Anchors!

*Mary Turner*



**“GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR”**

Anchors,

Thank you all so much for your outstanding work this year on two GA Projects which were both Anchor and Pilot projects: the toiletries for homeless veterans--Stand Up For Stand Down and the books for the Zambezi Schoolbook Project. The donations you brought in to your convention and the books you helped collect for Pilot Convention were greatly appreciated. Thank you for your work to help your Pilot Clubs with their projects and to partner with them in joint efforts. I have seen many Anchors in action this year at both Anchor and Pilot events. Thank you and keep up the good work!

Stay active as a club this summer and make your plans to kick off next year with a membership event. Also, plan a major project early in the year and invite new friends and prospective members to come meet other Anchors while they work to help others.

I am so proud of each of you for being active contributing members and for those who have stepped up to serve and lead. Please make your plans to attend the Anchor Summit in Orlando to learn, meet others, and participate in great workshops and training opportunities, not to mention the fun.

Have a wonderful and safe summer! Do something special to help others and take some time to make big Anchor plans for next year.

*Judy Jackson*



Karen Fitzpatrick, Madison Co. Anchor Coordinator, India McElroy (Student Pilot), Anchors Brittany Tran & Lydia Carr and Tammy Dalton-Madison Co. Anchor Coordinator at Anchor Convention

Great job on the Hospital Art, Anchors!

