



# Georgia District

# Governor's Bulletin

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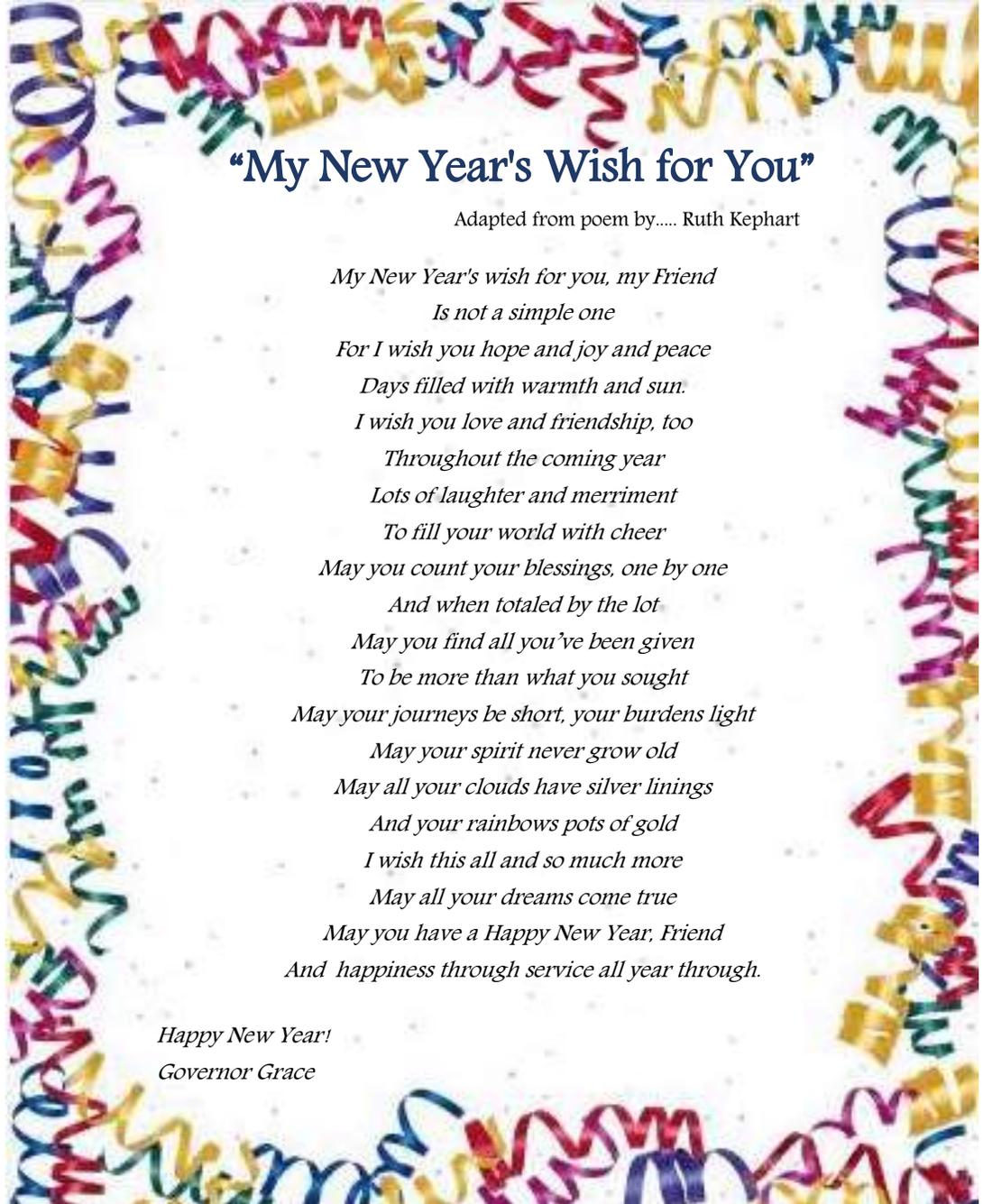
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## “My New Year's Wish for You”

Adapted from poem by..... Ruth Kephart

*My New Year's wish for you, my Friend  
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, Friend  
And happiness through service all year through.*

*Happy New Year!  
Governor Grace*



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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 6, 2016**  
Newsletter Competition due to your Region Lt. Governor

**February 1, 2016**  
Deadline for Pacesetter, 250 Club & member contributions for recognition at District Convention

**February 3, 2016**  
District Officer Nomination Form  
Due to Doretta Broughton, District Nominating Chair

**February 14-20, 2016**  
Random Acts of Kindness Week

**February 16, 2016**  
District Awards due to Gail Sharber, Awards Chair

**February 26 – 28, 2016**  
For information and applications see attachments to the Anchor Newsletter, *Anchor Aweigh*  
Anchor Convention  
Lake Lanier Islands

**Our Mission:** Pilot International transforms communities by developing youth, providing service and education, and uplifting families.

**“Happiness”** is a New Year filled with Pilot Service...

I am so proud of Georgia District and of all of its hard working Pilots. The communities across Georgia have benefited so much from the things you have done with projects and also with your fund raisers from selling lights of memory on community Christmas trees, spending time selling and doing radio advertising announcements on the local radio station to selling poinsettias to add beauty to your city's homes and churches. Food for the needy, toys and clothes for local children were gathered by Pilots all over the District to give a lot of people joys they would not have had if it were not for you! The pictures you send Kirsten to feature in the bulletin are a treasured testimony to what you do to make life better for others.

The year that is about to end has been filled with a landslide of activity for Pilots in Georgia. Now, with 2016 approaching, it is the perfect time for clubs to take another look at Plans of Work, Club Standing Rules and Budgets. Life and circumstances are constantly changing; therefore, the goals for your club may need adjusting too. Evaluation and change are good things. The tool of evaluation can be used to make your club even better than it has been in the past year. Someone once said, “The past is just a historical document so you must keep your eyes focused on what you will do in the future.”

What will your club New Year bring?

Here are a few things on my 2016 wish list for Georgia District

- . . . Clubs growing in membership. Those new members give a club so much enthusiasm and so many exciting new ideas. Set goals, make plans, and go to work sharing Pilot with everyone.
- . . . Clubs improving Visibility! Make membership in your club a special honor and worthwhile. Let others know what you do in the most spectacular way you can.
- . . . Clubs continuing to make a difference with bigger and better service to others.
- . . . Clubs planning adequate fund raisers to meet all of their needs in order to be . . .
- . . . Clubs budgeting monies to include commitment to support PI and GA District with requested donations for PIFF, GPF, and registration and representation at conventions on both levels.
- . . . Clubs remembering that they exist because of an International Organization including a District for which they should gratefully show support.

Happy New Year and Happy Georgia District Piloting in 2016!!

*Grace*

**Grace Crittenden**  
GA District Governor



**“Happiness”** From Our Governor-Elect ...

Just a note to Wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR! Every January we make Resolutions about diets and exercise to lose weight, saving money, decluttering (that's ME), and the list can go on and on. Of course, we know that after a few weeks or months, the resolutions go by the wayside. But this year, let's make a Resolution that this will be the BEST PILOT YEAR for our District and for each Club. Go Forth and do great things in our communities in the name of PILOT!

Happiness is spreading our Friendship and Service throughout Georgia.

Pilotly,

*Cynthia*

**Cynthia Spearman**  
GA District Governor-Elect



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**In Loving Remembrance!** The Georgia District extends our deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones.

PILOT	CLUB NAME
Idalou Boutwell	Macon
June Spence	Atlanta



Hartwell Pilot club hosted a Halloween Party at the Senior Center. They had a Halloween Contest, the top picture is some of the seniors who dressed up.



The Pilot Club of Carrollton packed and delivered 35 Pick Me Up gift bags to the Carroll County Emergency 911 Call Takers as part of Pilot International's Care and Kindness Week.

Pictured (l to r) are: Trisha Orr, E-911 Director; Rhonda Reid, Call Taker; Karey McCarley, Shift Supervisor; Pilot member Deborah Wilson; Tyler Shadix, Operations Manager; Pilot President Jo Farish; and Pilot member Judy Jackson.

## "Happiness" is Sharing Pilot!...

It's extremely rewarding to be part of an organization that works so hard to improve the lives of others, so it's no surprise that so many of us want to share that happiness with friends! However, some Pilots may find it difficult to recruit members to Pilot, especially if they aren't sure how to start the process of recruitment. I'm confident, however, that Pilots can easily recruit at least 6 members using these 6 easy steps!

- 1. Understand the unique value of Pilot within your community.** Depending on where you live, your community may have several service organizations that people can choose to be part of. To convince those people that Pilot is the best choice for them, it's essential to determine the unique ways that Pilot membership may benefit potential members that other service organizations cannot. Try and list three or more unique projects, values, or organizational characteristics that are unique to Pilot. Be sure to bring these up when you begin recruiting.
- 2. Know your story.** People want to be part of an organization that makes its members better for being part of the services it provides. You need to convey this information to potential members. In order to ensure this message is meaningfully received, it may be helpful for you to write out the ways that being a part of Pilot enriches your life and rehearse this message with other Pilots or in front of a mirror so that you can be sure you are ready to share it with others.
- 3. Identify six (or more!) individuals in your life who may be especially interested in the unique value of Pilot work.** Think about the projects and activities provided to your community by Pilot. Is there anyone you know who may be especially enthusiastic about those services? For example, if your Pilot club is involved in projects with the Anchor Club that help students, it may be fruitful to speak to local high school teachers about the mission and vision of Pilot.
- 4. Start off SLOW, don't overwhelm!** Becoming a member of a club can be a big commitment, especially if the person is just becoming familiar with Pilot's purpose and the characteristics of its members. Be mindful of this when speaking to potential members so you don't overwhelm them. Social psychology research has consistently shown us that asking a person for small requests, over time, is the surest way to get them to comply with larger requests, like a year of membership. Identify realistic goals to set for recruitment. You may be more successful to initially invite someone to a first meeting, take them out to lunch to discuss Pilot, or simply give them informational materials to look over at home.
- 5. Be enthusiastic and authentic in your delivery** When you begin sharing Pilot, be sure to convey excitement and earnestness. Make sure that the people you share with are certain that Pilot membership has genuinely been a wonderful experience for you.
- 6. Be consistent!** Once you've shared Pilot, follow up by continuing to reach out to the potential member. Be sure you're enthusiastic and personable each time you share the message of Pilot with them. Staying connected will increase the likelihood that membership is continually in that person's thoughts and reflections

*Helen*

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### GA District New Members.....

PILOT	CLUB NAME	SPONSOR
Pat Wallace	Brunswick	Reinstated
Mandy Adkinson	Eastman	Alicia Simmons
Gloria Clay	Eastman	Alicia Simmons
Jeanie Hula	Conyers	Jim Sendlebach

### DOUGLAS COUNTY DECLARES NOVEMBER 8 - 14 AS INTERNATIONAL CARE AND KINDNESS WEEK

One of its 2015 programs is the sponsorship of "International Care and Kindness Week" to encourage men and women to serve their community with fullness of heart and purpose. Pilot International, including the Sweetwater Pilots, have designated the second week of November for this effort which asks people to take time to care and be kind. This week-long campaign seeks to highlight how simple acts can change a day, a life, or the world by showing care for someone.

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners recently joined in the effort by proclaiming November 8 - 14 as "International Care and Kindness Week in Douglas County" and encourages residents to make the effort to show someone they care during this time period and see the difference that it makes..

Pictured: Pilot Club President Patricia Garner, Secretary Gail Smith, and President-elect Patricia Whatley join the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and County Administrator for the Proclamation

### "From Our GA ECR"

Happy New Year! May 2016 bring you much happiness, good health, and success!

January is a great time to focus on leadership. Have you ever considered serving as an officer on any level? If not, why not? Having capable and committed leaders is essential to a successful organization. Take a look around...future leaders are all around you. Pilot International needs passionate leaders who are willing to help take the organization to the next level.

Consider nominating a qualified Pilot for district officer, or better yet, for an International office. Pilot International needs passionate leaders who are willing to help take the organization to the next level. Are you that qualified member or do you know a qualified member? If so, nominate them!

Planning is underway for the 2016 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Montreal Canada. This year's convention promises to be exciting and entertaining. There will be many opportunities for training on all levels. It is a perfect opportunity to make new friends and spend time with Pilots you have met along the way. Check your passport to make sure it is current. Check the Pilot International website for registration information.

Pilot International Founders Fund would like to remind everyone to be sure to get your club contributions submitted by February 1st to Pilot International HQ in order to be recognized at District Convention as well as International Convention. These contributions support the programs and services brought to you by Pilot International. Lia can be reached at [lia@pilothq.org](mailto:lia@pilothq.org) and the forms can be located on the Pilot International website [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org) by clicking on the DONATE tab.

Best wishes for 2016. Let's find new ways to *Do More. Care More. Be More.*

In Pilot friendship,

*Karen*

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Pilot Club of Oconee Co. recently kicked off fundraising efforts for the Pilot Club Chase 5K Run/Walk.

Pictured (l-r) are members Bebe Reed, Kathy Reising, Cathy Moorehead, Mary Mattocks, Pam Crawford, Dennise Grayson, Sandra Glass, Jan Thomas and Karen Finnerty.

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**Past PI President & Governor**

**Nancy Henrick**  
**January 8**

**Past Governors**

**Gwen Yarbrough**  
**January 10**

**Sherry McDuffie**  
**January 29**

**WC Lt. Governor**

**Karen Rogers**  
**January 13**



**In Memory of Idalou Boutwell**  
**Centenarian Member of the Pilot Club of Macon**

We lost a very special Pilot, Idalou Boutwell, on December 8, 2015. Idalou had the distinct honor of reaching her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in April of this year. It was so rewarding to be with her and her family in April as they celebrated 100 years of a very active life including service to others. PI and the District sent her congratulations for reaching such a milestone.

Idalou and husband, Cleveland (deceased), were blessed with three children, their spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Idalou had a rewarding career in education in Macon. After having taught school at Pearl Stephens and Joseph B. Riley, she established the ABC Kindergarten in 1955. She along with 3 other teachers taught about 65 children each year for 20 years. She didn't stop there. She joined the Pilot Club of Macon in 1978 and became a very active member, serving as president and other positions. Her accomplishments were many – not only in Pilot but other organizations. She was past president of both the Georgia and Bibb County Preschool Associations, very active in her church, Cherry Blossom Festival and many other causes.

Idalou was what Pilot is all about. Making a difference. As one of the many tributes from former Kindergarten students said "I am only one of many whose life was touched and molded by Idalou. I am blessed to have had her in my life." So are we.



"Governor Elect Cynthia Spearman visited with Pilot Club of Cuthbert during Care and Kindness Week. In the photo Governor Grace Crittenden and Governor Elect Cynthia are wrapping the 30 "We Care Casseroles" that were being made in the kitchen by members of the club. The casseroles were then delivered by club members to people on their list of Caregivers and Shut-ins prior to the club's dinner meeting."



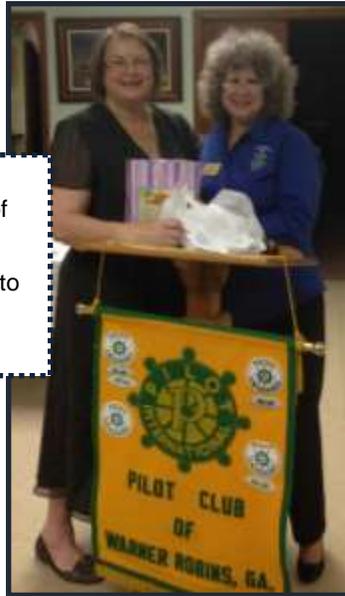
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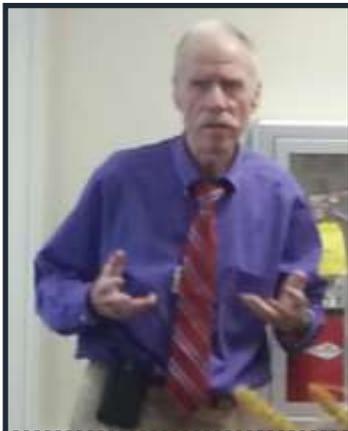
# Spotlighting Our Clubs.....

Karen Rogers, West Central Region Lt. Governor during her visit to Pilot Club of Warner Robins 2 November 2015.

President Krista Kortum presents a gift to Karen at their business meeting. She received a hummingbird feeder.



Pilot Club of Royston Franklin-Springs members observe Founder's Day by donning apparel from the 1920's. N.E. Region Lt. Gov., Jenni Overbey, presented the program, and a good time was had by all!!



Pilot Club of Atlanta Pilots help wrap gifts for H.E.R.O. for Children's annual holiday party



Dr. Lee Hyer, PhD, ABPP as the speaker for the Pilot Club of Macon's October meeting. Dr Hyer is at the Georgia Neurosurgical Institute. He directs the Memory Project at Mercer, the Parkinson's Disease Program at Mercer, the Traumatic Brain Injury Program, and is a Professor at the new PhD program in clinical Medical Psychology at Mercer. Dr. Hyer's talk was about helping our brains by cognitive training. Social activities, a good diet, and mental stimulation will help the brain. Exercise is also very important for our brains to age well. Dr. Hyer says it is never too late.



Eastman Pilots recently joined Bea Edge, City Manager and Dan McCranie, Chairman, Dodge Commissioners, for a proclamation signing to celebrate 94 years of Pilot Friendship and Service.

L-R-Standing-Alicia Simmons, Cierra Ciecovich, Mallory Guyton, Casey Pruet, Tammie Rowe, Nylan Hinson. Seated- Dan McCranie, Bea Edge



The Pilot Club of Cochran was awarded a grant in the amount of \$1000 from the Walmart Foundation to be used for the purchase of bicycle helmets for our local children. Thank you Walmart for supporting our community!

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