

Governor's Bulletin



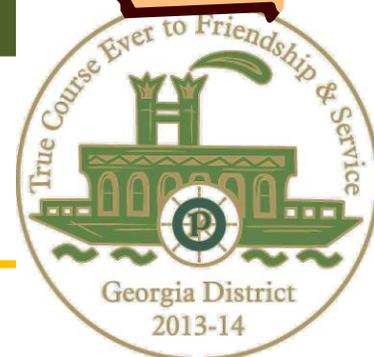
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"STEERING YOUR CLUB"
PATRICIA WHATLEY
GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Happy New Year to All,

We have reached the half way point in our Pilot year. I have had such a great time visiting with club and working with Pilots all over Georgia. I hope to continue to get around the state to visit more clubs before our year is over.

There are a few more details we must complete starting with the proposed changes to our Georgia District Standing Rules. Please mail to me any proposed changes no later than January 10, 2014.

Nominations for our District Officers must be completed by February 3, 2014 to insure we have all the paperwork complete. Taking a leadership role in Pilot is one of the most rewarding things you can do to follow our motto of friendship and service.

The Anchor Convention is right around the corner. Opening ceremony will be Friday, February 28, 2014 and wraps up Saturday evening, March 1, 2014. Our Anchors are wonderful and we should support them and their convention. You will have a wonderful time.

Before you know, it will be time for District Convention, April 4-6, 2014 at Marriott Macon City Center, 240 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217. Rooms are \$105.00 + tax per night and reservations can be made now by calling 1-800-228-9290. Cut-off date for rooms is March 3, 2014. Each club can send three delegates. Make your plans NOW. You won't want to miss this.

Finally we will postpone the Club Annual Report until at least March, 2014. More information will be forthcoming. Happy New Year.

Patricia



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Georgia District Website: www.pilotgeorgia.org



Pilot International Website: www.pilotinternational.org

The Mission of Pilot is to serve by furthering Pilot International’s humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational, and research programs in communities throughout the world.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 6, 2014

Newsletter Awards Entries to your Lt. Governor

January 7, 2014

Deadline for proposed Amendments to our Georgia District Standing Rules to Gov. Patricia

February 14, 2014

Award entries to Louise Shimer

Feb. 28, 2014 – March 1

Anchor Convention
Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier



“NAVIGATING THE COURSE”

JUDY JACKSON

GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT

As we navigate the course in Pilot we have an excellent opportunity for our incoming officers to be trained and all Pilots to learn more about our role in making our clubs stronger. The annual officers’ training is provided at Region Workshops across the Georgia District. Please save the date for your Region Workshop and be sure your incoming officers for 2014-2015 register and attend. Other Pilots are welcome and have a workshop opportunity, as well.

The Region Workshop for NW, EC, and SW Regions will be held on Saturday, April 26 and the Region Workshop for NE, WC, and SE Regions will be held on Saturday, May 3. Your Lt. Governor will be emailing the Registration Form to Club Presidents in February with the location and time of your Workshop. It’s a half day workshop including lunch, time to meet others, and learn. Each club will need to be sure their Pilots register by the deadline listed on your form.

A special thanks to the clubs who will be hosting these Workshops. We appreciate your work on this event. Club Presidents and Pilots, save the date and send your incoming officers. You will learn and enjoy!



The PC of Eastman recently presented bike helmets to all grade K students at both elementary schools in Dodge County. Avid biker, Phil Bearden, was on hand to teach the children about bike safety and how to wear their helmets. Helmets were given to the children the last day before Christmas break.

Past Governor

Nancy Henrick
January 8

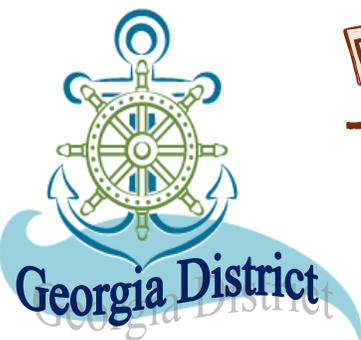
Gwen Yarbrough
January 10

Sherry McDuffie
January 29



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Linda Jones
January 2



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"PRAYER'S CORNER"

When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then....I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! All my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing...never made a face nor uttered a word about it! When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said, "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then." Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Mom put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides--a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. And that's my prayer for you today...that you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship! "Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket--keep it in your own." So, please pass me a biscuit, and yes, the burned one will do just fine. And PLEASE pass this along to someone who has enriched your life--I just did! Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil--it has no point"

Chaplain Jo

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



PILOT	CLUB NAME
Bernice Smith	Atlanta

PILOT	CLUB NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Carole Reeves	Carrollton	Brother-n-law
Pat Barker	Gainesville	Husband
Cary Turner	Lavonia	Mother
Janice Roberts	Jones Co.	Mother
Marcia Loyd	Jones Co.	Mother
Bessie Brown	Macon	Mother
Gigi Wingate	Atlanta	Brother-n-law
Jo Farish	Carrollton	Husband
Winnie Hester	Cairo	Brother



Pilots from Marietta, Atlanta & Conyers helped with BrainMinders presentation at the fair that Parent Magazine had at Mercer University in Atlanta.

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“ALL HANDS ON DECK”
GAIL SHARBER
LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR



Serving with a Passionate Attitude

Great Leaders should know they are there to serve others. The humble, caring, service-oriented attitude, more than anything else, earns the respect and admiration of the people being lead and served.

How do you treat those around you? Do you greet them with a sincere smile? Do you listen to those with concerns with an open mind?

Are you leading by example? Never forget-- “To the World you may be just one person-- but to one person you might just be the world.” The road to service is traveled with integrity, compassion, guidance, and understanding. The following poem shares a valuable lesson about having a service attitude.

“The Bridge Builder”

*An old man going down a long highway
 Came in the evening cold and gray
 To a chasm vast and deep and wide
 Through which was flowing a tide.*

*The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
 That swollen stream held no fears for him;
 But he turned when safe on the other side
 And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*“Old Man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
 “You are wasting your strength with building here;
 Your journey will end with the ending day.
 You never again must pass this way;
 You have crossed the chasm deep and wide--
 Why build you this bridge at the eventide?”*

*The builder lifted his old gray head.
 “Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,
 “There followeth after me today
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.
 This swollen stream which was naught to me
 To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
 He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
 Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.”*

Will Allen Dromgoole

Gail

VIRGINIA RYALS-LOCKE
SOUTHEAST LT. GOVERNOR

Best of Wishes for New Year in Pilot to All!

As I approach the end of my term as Lt. Gov. I Would like to encourage and share information which is obvious of those clubs which are advancing in Catching the Vision of Pilot in Service and Growth in Membership. It is so much more awarding to each club to Work in Unity and Welcome New Members with open arms; allowing them to bring their ideas and talents into our clubs, than to grow stagnant and unfruitful. As a Pilot the opportunities of Growth in Oneself as well as the Club is in Knowledge. Memorizing the Pilot Manual is not necessary but to Grow in Maturity to better welcome others into club is Reading and Referring often to your Club Manuals. Knowing the idea of your Plans of Works for the Year. Understanding each Division parts in the Yearly Budget and seeking New Ideas for Community Service in the Communities for Each Club.

This leads to where we are at now- Get out of your comfort zone and when asks to serve on the District Level- Take the Challenge and See the Beauty in our Georgia District. It has been one of the highlights of my life - Serving as Lt. Gov. I have grown and see my own short comings to work on; so if given opportunity again I would be even more confident and ready to serve with ease. Never have I even been given a task that I have not been able to ask and get help from other Pilots. When Working Together We All Shine. Please examine ourselves and clubs and get ready in establishing our next year of Officers. Blessings to All and Know I am Still a Pilot and Feel Very Much a part of my Region Always. I plan to still stay in contact and hope to connect in growing Stronger Brighter Clubs in the Southeast Region. Please submit names of ones to serve on the District Level ASAP which Encourages Others to Step Up with your Support We Can Do All Things. I first said NO; then I was challenged to broaden my Horizons and enlarge my Territory! I Said YES and Have No Regrets. Don't Miss Your Opportunity.

Virginia



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“STEAM AHEAD WITH SERVICE”
JUDY VENDRICK
PROJECTS COORDINATOR



“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in.
A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves”.

~Bill Vaughan

The coming of 2014 is a great time to re-consider your personal goals as well as your club’s goals. I love new beginnings, and I believe that the majority of Pilots are definitely optimists.

Why did you join Pilot? Many would say it was to get involved with community service; some say they joined to gain friendships; others may say it was because they were asked. Wherever your starting point was, this is the time during our Pilot year when it all starts coming together and we are busier than ever.

While learning new skills can be beneficial to many, it’s not a requirement for a fulfilling volunteer experience. Bear in mind that the most valuable skills you can bring to any volunteer effort are compassion, an open mind, a willingness to do whatever is needed, and a positive attitude.

There are many people who are counting on you to make our communities a better place to live. While serving in your Pilot club’s plan to work, let’s not forget the true spirit of giving, the true spirit of living, and the true spirit of doing more, being more, and caring more.

Judy — judyingeorgia@comcast.net



GA District New Members.....

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Patricia Conley	Conyers	Jim Sendlebach
Felicity Quansah	Macon	Pat Vickers
Jennifer Tatum	Washington Co.	
Georgeanne Cook	Washington Co.	
Victoria Frazier	Washington Co.	
Patsy Washburn	Cochran	Diane Giddens
Daphne Jones	Cochran	PC of Cochran
Jeanette "Jan" Thomas	Cochran	Maureen Stoy & Julia Lucas
Meg Greer	Dublin	Janie Stewart
Debra Donaldson	Dublin	Joan Brantley



“TROLLING FOR TREASURE”
KATHY BERRY
FUND RAISING COORDINATOR



A new year can mean new ideas and a fresh start. So, how about a Silent Auction to Jump start your fundraising? With some hard work, a Silent Auction can bring great revenue. This is the first of several articles devoted to the Do’s and Don’ts of hosting a successful one. Remember, organization is key and more funds will be raised.

Do’s:

- ~ Have a registration desk to sign up all bidders
- ~ Spread your auction items out into color coded sections
- ~ Stagger the bidding end times for the different sections
- ~ Enable mobile bidding from cell phones
- ~ Group together low priced items into a themed basket or bundle
- ~ Offer autographed memorabilia, hot air balloon rides, and vacation rentals
- ~ Solicit unique experiences from local businesses such as lessons from a Chef or lunch with a CEO

Don’ts:

- ~ Don’t jam everything together on just a few tables
- ~ Don’t use small fonts in descriptions and have poor lighting
- ~ Don’t fail to provide lots of working pens and reading glasses
- ~ Don’t fail to allow plenty of room for people to move around your tables
- ~ Don’t forget to highly publicize the event
- ~ Don’t hide your best items among a mix of lower priced items
- ~ Don’t fail to use a sound system

Until the Next Tide, *Kathy*
kberry_@hotmail.com



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“ALL ABOARD GA DISTRICT”
PAT GARNER
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR



What speaks to you about Pilot? Is it that place where you can open your heart and inspire action to help meet needs? Is it that sense of teamwork you have when working to meet needs? I remember thinking at Fall Council when we were at Calloway, and they began to come in the door with bag after bag of toiletries (donated by Pilots from all over Georgia) -- stacking them up against the walls for us to go and retrieve and assemble for the soldiers -- and then seeing everyone scramble to create individual gift packages to be delivered to the VA Hospitals ... how cool is this!! How fabulous is this!! How totally PILOT is this!!!

You should have seen everyone ... positioned like hawks circling the round tables where the bags had been emptied - loose toiletries everywhere -- and little perfumed, manicured fingers grasping their "own" combinations to fit into the individual packages! I absolutely loved it! (Well, my fingers weren't manicured, but i was definitely grasping!) And then I fast-forwarded to our desire to increase our membership, not only to bring help to bear on all these important projects, but to share the wonderful culture and climate that is Pilot! If all those we would invite to a "meet Pilot" function had been at

this event? Guess what? They would have just said, "Where do I sign?"

There is nothing more exciting or more inspirational on so many levels than to see a Pilot in action – facing an impossible task, or deadline, or need -- and making it happen! Please remember this the next time you invite someone to a Pilot event. Let some of that enthusiasm that is such a part of you "leak" out and let them get the sense of the dynamics of who Pilots are ... we don't have to persuade someone to 'become' a Pilot, they either already are "Pilot" quality material, or they are not. They either want to make a difference or they don't. They either have a heart for others, or they are too busy. But if they are Pilot material, then oh, they will get it!! So, it's really just a matter of you providing that connection. Helping them discover who Pilots are. Helping to provide them with a platform to care with action, to care with kindness, to care with a focus that brings RESULTS!

Pilots in action ... what a concept! Aren't you proud to be a Pilot? You should be, we are all proud of you! And this coming year, believe in yourself ... believe in Pilot ... what we are ... what we represent ... who we are to one another! And never forget the strength that is in our motto, in our code of ethics, in our history, and in ourselves. We are truly a gift that keeps on giving!

Pat



“DON'T DROP THE ANCHOR”
MARY TURNER
ANCHOR COORDINATOR



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is looking forward to a wonderful New Year. We still have some Anchor Clubs that have not paid their Georgia District dues and Pilot International dues. I sent out an email to the each Anchor Coordinator and each advisor.

The Anchor officers are busy working on convention. Watch for the Anchor Newsletter with more details. The deadline for making reservations with the hotel is January 28. Please make sure that Anchor Clubs are aware of this deadline. Please encourage each Anchor club to submit a scrapbook. We would love to have scrapbooks from every club in attendance. Remember the Anchor Club of the Year Award has changed this year. The changes are on the PI website or you may email me and I will help you with the changes.

Please encourage all Anchors to apply for the Anchor Scholarship. We will be giving 4 scholarships this year. Please consider sending in one GPF Application per Anchor Club as well. We would love to have 100% participation this year.

In Pilot Friendship,

Mary



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