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“Happiness” is Loving to be a Pilot....

Hello Georgia Pilots!

Signs of spring are everywhere. Daffodils, Camellias, Japanese Magnolias and even Cherry trees are blooming in the Atlanta area. It won't be long before we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and soon after that Easter arrives. Time is swiftly passing and a whole lot is going on.

HERE ARE A FEW REMINDERS OF THINGS WE NEED TO DO

- ❖ Every club should already have a nominating committee working on selecting the new officers for the 2016-17 Pilot year. They must be elected in March in time to send in your Spring Convention registrations to Treasurer, Shelby Holland.
- ❖ Registrations are due before March 18th. After that date, there is a \$15 late fee.
- ❖ Hotel reservations have to be made before March 17th in order to get the special convention rate.
- ❖ Each club may have three delegates. The first two should be the club president and president elect. The third delegate and an alternate should be chosen by the club. Clubs may bring as many Pilots as they wish to enjoy the fun, fellowship, and learning experiences. The more the merrier!
- ❖ Registration opens at 4 p.m. on Friday. The welcome party will begin at 7:30 p.m. Plan to dress in colorful attire and join in some "Funtastic Fiesta" partying to get you in the mood for the rest of the weekend activity. Very Dressy or Semi-formal attire should be worn to the Banquet Saturday night.
- ❖ After the memorial ceremony on Sunday morning there will be Region Meetings at which the details for the Region Officer's Workshops will be given out. The workshop dates are April 30th for NW, EC, SW and May 14th for NE, WC, SE.
- ❖ Your club's delegate to the Pilot International Convention in Montreal should make hotel reservations and travel arrangements as soon as possible and be sure to pay the PI Convention registration fee before June 1st. Delegate are eligible to vote only if all club dues are paid before July 1st.
- ❖ If your club is not sending a delegate to either District or PI convention, the club is responsible for paying one registration fee for each convention with no exceptions. The club should also write a letter to the Governor asking for permission to be excused from attendance and give the reason. Georgia District has no authority to waive the PI registration fee.

As always, if you have any questions, never hesitate to contact me.

May lots of Happiness come your way to share with others.
I look forward to seeing lots and lots of you at convention in April.

Grace

Grace Crittenden
GA District Governor



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 14 – 20, 2016
Brain Awareness Week

March 17, 2016
Deadline to reserve rooms at the Hilton Atlanta NE at a reduced rate for District Convention.

March 18, 2016
Deadline to send in registration to the Spring Convention. Late fee of \$15 is postmarked after that date.

April 8-10, 2016
District Convention
Hilton Atlanta Northeast

April 30, 2016
Region Workshops
NW, EC, SW

May 14, 2016
Region Workshops
NE, WC, SE

July 4-6, 2016
94th PI Annual Convention & Leadership Conference
Le Centre' Sheraton
Montreal

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

“Happiness” is Being inspired....



Joan

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Past Governors

Lothair Allen
March 4

Linda Buffington
March 17

Patti Klein
March 23

Lynda Goodwin
March 27



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

PILOT	CLUB NAME
Nira Haggard	Classic City
Diane Roberts	Classic City
Ruth Salley	Marietta

PILOT	CLUB NAME	RELATIONSHIP
Linda Healy	Carrollton	Sister
Vonnie Brown	Lavonia	Sister-in-law
Vonnie Brown	Lavonia	Sister-in-law
Sharon Johns	Lavonia	Brother
Dianne Mauldin	Lavonia	Mother

“Steps We Took to Spread Happiness to Caregivers”

Pilot Club of Conyers gathered items, packed care packages at their February meeting and then took throughout community to identified caregivers. Final picture is just two care bags given by member Dolores McDonald to two moms/primary caretakers of disabled grown children.



Governor Grace's Scrapbook

Please send your club photos to Joan at mcc46@bellsouth.net.

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~~District Convention~~

Your personalized group web page has been approved and has been published to the web.

Your web page address is:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ATLHPHF-PILOT-20160407/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Group Name: GEORGIA DISTRICT PILOT CLUB
Group Code: PILOT
Check-in: 07-APR-2016
Check-out: 10-APR-2016
Hotel Name: Hilton Atlanta Northeast
Hotel Address: 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
 Peachtree Corners, Georgia
 30092-3416



“Happiness” Is Attending Spring Convention ...

Guess What! It is only a few more weeks until District Convention. The Appointees are getting ready for their Workshops and are really excited to bring you lots of ideas to present to your Clubs. They may even be calling some of you to present your club activities in the Workshops. We will also have Workshops for the Club Presidents and Membership. It's going to be an exciting year as we go "Soaring into Service" in our communities across our District. Get ready for lots of fun and excitement, pack up your bags and enthusiasm, and come on to the Hilton Atlanta Northeast at Peachtree Corners in Norcross, April 8-10, 2016. We are looking forward to seeing each of you, and we hope you will bring some new Pilots to share in the excitement!

Cynthia
Cynthia Spearman
GA District Governor-Elect



“Happiness” is a Well-Organized Meeting ...

A well-organized business/program meeting of any organization where goals are successfully accomplished. Therefore, this article will include a few reminders for all Pilots.

1. Attend regularly, arriving promptly. Wear your pin and bring your handbook to business meetings. If there are meals involved, please remember to cancel your meal prior to the meeting.
2. When the roll is called, respond with **“present”**. When there is a District/PI officer present, stand when they are introduced (this denotes respect for the office.)
3. When a motion is in order, respond promptly, standing and say, **“I move to...”** or **“I move that....”** (I remember from Margaret Johnson that we “move a motion and make a cake”!!)The motion should be promptly seconded as **the president will NOT ask for a second**. When moving a motion, remember to be brief, courteous, and considerate.

Our Pilot year is over half over, therefore this is a good time to review current Standing Rules, Plans of Work and other items pertinent to your club year. As we prepare for next year, these reviews are necessary in order that goals can be successfully completed.

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“Happiness” is Being Good Leaders...

Set Goals and Be Results Oriented

One of the most important leadership strategies for Pilot is setting goals and being results-oriented. Our Pilot leaders are not just club Presidents but coordinators and members who step up to take on leadership roles, whether those roles are holding office or chairing a committee or a specific project. Pilots assume these leadership roles when asked or when they see a need and volunteer. Great members are those who use their leadership skills to help a group come to a consensus on a goal or plan. They are able to divide the plan into parts that are achievable on a timeline, with one or more member leaders providing oversight to see it through.

Goals are crucial for club success. Whether small or large, few or many, goals that are set and plans put in motion to achieve them are the fuel for success. Goals unify members, motivate them, and focus their talent and energy. Successful leaders often set specific short term goals that their group can focus on with intent and immediacy. This leadership strategy involves being results oriented. Results are the effects of planning and teamwork to make a project work. Then members see the impact their club is making in enriching the lives of others.

Accomplishing one project or goal each month of the Pilot year is key to keeping members interested, motivated, and involved. This can be done by setting goals and being results-oriented—a great leadership strategy for success!

Judy

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The DAC walks the red carpet at the Anchor Convention



GA District New Members.....

PILOT	CLUB NAME	SPONSOR
Sue Wall	Adel	Linda Meadows
Joni Staton	Adel	Linda Meadows
Mary Charles Howard	Washington Co.	Ann Lastinger
Amy Brantley	Washington Co.	Jennifer Tatum
Cheryl Black	Cairo	Theresa LaMoute
Lois Barron	Macon	Pat Vickers
Lavonne Lockwood	Oconee Co.	Darlene Adams
Sandra Carter	Sweetwater	Pat Garner
Joyce Nelsen	Sweetwater	Gail Smith
Roxann Stoyles	Sweetwater	Pat Garner

“Happiness” is a Strong Foundation ...

Hello Pilots, here we are already into March. Hard to believe over half of the Pilot year is completed.

I hope your club has been selling the GPF Raffle Tickets, don't forget to include your club. At least one club the last few years has won one of the \$250 prizes and that's easy cash for your club projects!

The funds you give to the Georgia Pilot Foundation help us to give deserving graduating high school seniors scholarships towards their education. As most of you know, we award Anchor scholarships and Lynda Goodwin Volunteer scholarships each year. Last year we awarded six Anchor and three LG Volunteer scholarships. We really do need everyone's support of this worthwhile endeavor. We hope to again award as many scholarships as last year, but we cannot do this without your continued support.

Again, I want to thank everyone who participates in our "Happiness is a Strong Foundation" raffle. It is a big step in helping some of the best and brightest high school graduating seniors from Georgia continue their paths of success.

Hope all of you have a blessed Easter season.

Nancy

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"Happiness" is Making New Friends Through Pilot...

Happy Membership Month

It's almost spring, a time of new beginnings. So, think about beginning your next Membership Drive or Share Pilot Event. What will you do to get people to want to come? Some suggestions for a spring event are an ice cream social, an afternoon tea, or a family game night or picnic. Check your community calendar for potential conflicts, then choose a date, a time, and a place for your event. Be sure to reserve the location if necessary. Next, make up a guest list. Who will you invite? Teachers, church members, business leaders, newcomers to the community, old friends and relatives are a great place to start. Ask each of your club members to turn in a list of at least 5 prospective members along with their addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. Send personal invitations through the mail and follow up with a phone call. Even if they have said yes, a personal phone call will help insure that they do not change their minds. Now for the really fun part, what food will you serve? Who will prepare and serve it? Be sure the refreshments fit your theme. Do some decorating to make your venue look festive. Look at your own club members. Who enjoys cooking or decorating? Who enjoys sending cards, greeting prospective members at the door, who has a great story to tell on why they became a Pilot? Along with the decorations, have lots of Pilot information. Some suggestions are to have a tri-fold display board with pictures that show your club's projects and fundraisers. On the table along with the display board have copies of the Pilot Log, your club brochures, application forms, BrainMinder puppets and coloring books, a couple of dictionaries that you give to 3rd grade students, Project Lifesaver brochures, and your club scrapbook. You probably have other items to add to the display table. Many of these ideas come from pages 53-60 in your club manual. There are also suggestions for a time line for planning your event, a suggested agenda to follow, and a sample new member initiation. Happiness is being a Pilot so share the happiness by increasing your club membership.

Beverly

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Cassie Wright, a member of the Pilot Club of Carrollton and a physical therapist, was very honored to be recommended as a speaker for the NAACP Banquet in November to speak about breast cancer in women and men. As a healthcare provider, she had a surprising experience as she missed finding her own breast tumor during self-checks. She is a cancer survivor! Cassie is also a caregiver for her husband, who has early on-set Alzheimer's disease. It was also a great opportunity to share her community involvement in the Pilot Club of Carrollton. We each have simple opportunities to share our passion in Pilot, so let's all share what we have a passion to do, in 2016.

Pictured: Pilot Club of Carrollton member Cassie Wright, Mrs. Neely and Mrs. Holley of the NAACP

January meeting of the NE Region Pilot Platter Chatter group at Cateechee Gold Club in Hartwell. There were 32 Pilots and 6 Pilot Clubs represented. Pilot Clubs included Elberton, Hartwell, Lavonia, Madison County, Royston, Toccoa and Winder. Pilot announcements/invitations to events were made. They enjoyed much friendship and a great meal.



This is just a small portion of the 9000 books collected by the Georgia Anchors for Zambezi project at the Anchor Convention.
Great Job Anchors!!!

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Our ECR...

It's that time of year when we all anticipate spring. It's hard not to look forward to budding flowers and green grass – even if it means getting out the sinus meds! Spring is also a time when we begin looking forward to our upcoming Pilot year. Ideas are planted with many of them taking hold and becoming plans for the future.

Have you invited that friend to visit your club or maybe a project they could help with? March is Membership month. Focus on what you enjoy about Pilot and share it with those around you. The friend who helped before might be interested in helping again. Show them what the benefits are in being a Pilot. Lastly, ask them to join. It's amazing what can happen by, JUST ASKING!

March is also Brain Awareness Month. Many clubs have projects and events that they can share with others. Please be sure to send in your stories to the Pilot Log!

Who is onboard to move Pilot into the future? Is there someone you know that would fit a leadership role in the club, district, or international level? We are looking for nominations for Pilot International officers. If you have served as a Governor, you are ready to move on to the next level. As much as you have enjoyed serving your district, think about the opportunities available to serve all of Pilot at the international level. You will enjoy building the stepping stones to move Pilot toward our 100th anniversary plus encouraging our membership along the way.

We are excited to see you all in Montreal for the Pilot International Convention in July. There are many fun and exciting things planned. The hotel is located in a wonderful location to start your exploration of the city. There is even a city beneath the city! Go ahead and apply for your passport (or renew your old one). You can also book your hotel room and mail in your registration. Don't miss out!

Karen
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Pilot Club of Cochran members served hot chocolate the night of the Christmas parade and the Lite-A-Lite Ceremony

You are Cordially Invited
to the
Georgia Artists with DisAbilities
Exhibit Opening and Reception

March 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Historic Court House
Welcome Center

Court Street
Cuthbert, Georgia

For further information contact Governor Grace at 229-732-5022 or at gacrit@windstream.net. PC of Cuthbert and Governor Grace would love to have you come to visit our beautifully restored courthouse and see the amazing artwork.



The Pilot and Anchor Clubs of Madison County celebrates the Holidays with Advantage Fine Finish

Spirits were bright as the Pilot Club of Madison catered a Holiday lunch at Fine Finish, Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Twenty four of the Madison County High School Anchor Club members joined the Pilot members to serve the plates, lead the holiday songs, and take on the role of elves in handing out the gifts the Pilot members purchased for each participant at Fine Finish and the staff. A pool ball and rack set was given to the program for all to enjoy on their pool table.

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