



# Georgia District

# Governor's Bulletin

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**“KEEPER OF THE KEYS”**  
**JUDY JACKSON**  
GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

*Happy Birthday to Pilot International for 93 years of friendship and service!* To celebrate our 93 years, please invite prospective members to join you in one of your service projects to see Pilots in action. What better way to recruit new members than to show them how we serve by inviting them to serve alongside us? We need to do our part to keep Pilot International alive and strong by seeking and inviting new members and valuing their ideas and input.

Fall Council 2014 was all I hoped for and more. Thanks to each of you who brought socks and books, led our four Workshops, served on committees, spoke on the program, helped with logistics and details, hosted by welcoming and directing Pilots, dressed in Decades attire for a cause, brought Pick Me Up baskets, and so many more jobs that were performed beautifully!

We had 174 in attendance, learned together, worked together, and enjoyed being together. We also raised \$550 for GPF Anchor Scholarships and \$672.65 for PIFF Goals for Grants and Scholarships. I applaud each of you for your contributions and attendance.

Enjoy the Fall Council photo album which is being emailed at the same time as this Bulletin. Thanks to all of the contributing photographers and to Kirsten for putting it together.

I am very thankful for each of you and for the opportunity to be a part of Pilot International and the Georgia District.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Birthday Pilot International!



Governor Judy with Past GA District Governor JoAnn at the Stand Up for Stand Down Toiletry Drive for Homeless Veterans



<b><u>Past Governor</u></b> <b>Patricia Whatley</b> November 28	<b><u>EC Lt. Governor</u></b> <b>Ileane Slocum</b> November 16
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**Our Mission:** Pilot International transforms communities by developing youth, providing service and education, and uplifting families.

## GA District New Members.....

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
India McElroy	Madison Co.	Tammy Dalton
Roger A. Popp	Madison Co.	Juanita Popp
Carren Rice	Lavonia	Sheila Arp
Jenny Vowell	Battlefield	Patsy Stickel
Tracy Ivester	Toccoa	Ann Hunt
Karen Finnerty	Oconee Co.	Pam Crawford
Dennise Grayson	Oconee Co.	Mary Mattocks



### Important DATES

**October 27**

Make a Difference Day

**November 15**

Deadline for filing IRS forms (990N)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Week in November**

International Care and Kindness Week

**February 28 – March 2, 2015**

Anchor Convention  
Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Islands

**April 10 – 12, 2015**

District Convention  
Hilton Atlanta Northeast

**July 8-12, 2015**

PI Convention  
Disney Swan & Dolphin Resort  
Orlando, FL

### FAITH STAMPS GA DISTRICT ECR

International Care and Kindness Week was created to bring awareness to how simple acts can change a day, a life, or the world. During this special week, November 9 – 16, 2014, Pilots from around the world engage in numerous activities to emphasize and encourage kindness, caring and general good will to all.

Pilot International would love to see each club participate in an activity during International Care and Kindness Week 2014. Activities could be presenting a pick me up, providing treats or a meal to the staff at an assisted living facility, making ornaments or tray favors for the recipients of the Meals on Wheels program, or promoting a GET REAL activity, when families and friends engage with each other instead of using electronic devices while together.

Do you need help finding someone to show you care during this week or any time throughout the year? Many organizations can assist your club with this. Reach out to local chapters of national organizations as well as organizations that may be unique to your community. Suggestions could be the Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs, nursing agencies, Council on Aging or assisted living facilities.

The main focus is to Do More, Care More and Be More in your communities throughout the year, but special emphasis is placed on our causes during International Care and Kindness Week. We hope all clubs participate and share their successes through the Pilot Log and social media.

As we begin the 2014 Holiday Season, the members of the Pilot International Executive Committee wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you for all you do to Do More, Care More and Be More.

*Faith*



The Pilot Club of Oconee County welcomes two new members who recently attended a Share Pilot dinner. Shown above welcoming the new members are from left to right, Pilot Pam Crawford, new members, Karen Finnerty and Dennise Grayson, Pilot President Mary Mattocks, and Pilot Membership Chair, Sandra Glass.

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**"KEYS FOR KINDNESS"**  
**JAYNE LACKEY**  
PROJECTS COORDINATOR



The holidays are approaching and with Thanksgiving upon us, what a time to reflect on the blessings we have. We have food, clothing, shelter and the "love" of our sister Pilots. We are so blessed and take that for granted much of the time. As we do service work through the Zambezi Schoolbook Project, Soldiers' Angels, Pick-Me-Ups and other service projects your individual clubs take on, we need to stop and take the time to give "thanks" for being blessed.

In thinking of pick-me-ups for Thanksgiving, maybe you have a family you were thinking about honoring that would really enjoy one of the great complete Thanksgiving meals already cooked that so many grocery stores offer these days. What a great surprise for a family that may have trouble putting a big meal together to have that brought to their home ready to serve.

Remember to keep thinking of new and unique ideas for your club to try and then share those with everyone. Also, don't forget we will continue to collect books until District Convention in April.

I found this Irish proverb:

**"When I count my blessings, I count you twice".**

When I read this I think of all my Pilot blessings and how much my Pilot family means to me.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family

*Jayne*



**"UNLOCKING THE VAULT"**  
**AMANDA MCCOY**  
FUND RAISING COORDINATOR



Wow! It's hard to believe the holidays are here! Here is a wonderful fund raiser to think about during the Thanksgiving season. Not everyone is a skilled baker (me being one of those) or they may feel stressed to the limit of planning and preparing the big Thanksgiving meal. This is the perfect opportunity to sell desserts and/or sides. Get your chefs together and prepare a menu of what you all would like to offer as options. You can offer just desserts, just the sides, or both. Do what your chefs are comfortable with and do not go over the top. If you ever watch any of Chef Ramsey's shows you will learn that simple menus are better. Place all options on an order form. Be sure to include on your order form cutoff times for when orders need to be submitted. Also, include a place, date, and time for when pick up is available for those orders. Most important, have fun! Schedule bake parties! Even if you have members (like me) who are not skilled bakers, you can still use them to help you cook. They may even learn a few tricks themselves! I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

*Amanda*

**SUSAN HARBIN**  
GA DISTRICT TREASURER



**PILOT Clubs are required to file Form 990 by Nov. 15, 2014 deadline**

**All Pilot clubs are required** to file a form 990, 990EZ or file the electronic 990N between July 1 and November 15 of each year. The filing of the form is based on the annual gross income. Gross income means the amount of income for the year for the organization and any other parts of the organization if those parts use the same EIN as the club (i.e.: If your Anchor Club uses your EIN, you must include their receipts too.) Gross income includes everything taken in including dues, fundraising revenue, contributions, interest, etc. If the gross income is less than \$50,000, the club must file a Form 990N electronically. You may find the form on-line at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or <http://epostcard.form990.org>. **This form must be filed every year by every club!!!!!! The fiscal year should be July 1 to June 30.**

**If you fail to file the required 990 for 3 consecutive years, your non-profit status will automatically be revoked by the IRS.** If a club's tax-exempt status is revoked, the club will have to reapply for tax-exempt status – which will involve paying a fee and a lot of paperwork.

Once you have completed the filing of form 990 or 990N, print a copy of the form or confirmation that you have filed. **Keep a copy with your treasurer's records and email me that your club has filed.**

Thank you!

*Susan*

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**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meadowcrest Arts and Crafts Market**

November 8, 2014  
9AM to 4PM

Greene County High School, Greensboro, GA  
Sponsored by the PC of Greene County

Admission is \$2.00

Brenda Worthen, President  
PC of Greene Co.  
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**"THE KEY TO THE FUTURE"**  
**MARY TURNER**  
**ANCHOR COORDINATOR**



**PAT GARNER**  
**NORTHWEST**  
**LT. GOVERNOR**



Thanks to everyone who bought tickets at Fall Council to support our Anchors. We raised enough money to give away an additional \$500.00 scholarship. Through the raffle we raised \$550.00.

Please make sure your Anchor Clubs have paid their Georgia District dues and Pilot International dues. These were due on November 1. Please make sure that I receive a copy of the dues form, and officer's form.

The updated Anchor Club of the Year award form and the Advisor of the Year Award should be available soon. Please watch for more information on these awards.

Our district Anchor convention is February 27 – March 1, 2015 at Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Islands. We would love to have some Pilots come and join us for the weekend.

I would like to congratulate Apalachee High School Anchor Club sponsored by the Pilot Club of Winder for 10 years of Anchor service, and Hart County High School, sponsored by the Pilot Club of Hartwell for 60 years of Anchor service.

The dates for Freedoms Foundation have been changed. Freedoms Foundation will now be held February 19-22, 2015. For registration information, please visit their website: [www.freedomsfoundation.org](http://www.freedomsfoundation.org).

If you have any questions, please contact me and I will try to help you in any way that I can.

*Mary* — [turnerma@elberton.net](mailto:turnerma@elberton.net)

It was a PARTY! It was a CELEBRATION! It was an EDUCATION! And it was the Northwest Region's turn to host the Georgia District's Fall Council and host they did. Were you there? Well, if you were, you experienced one of the best organized conferences thanks to the amazing talents of Katharine Banning of the Atlanta Club who chaired the conference, Patsy Stickel of the Battlefield Club who chaired registration, and Kelly Johnson of the Marietta Club who chaired the "goody bags" and the rest of the region who stepped up to provide the beautiful Pick Me Up baskets and all the extras that made this year's meeting something great!

Our special mention, however, is reserved for the amazing talents of the Haralson Club and the eye-popping, jaw-dropping, camera-snapping Welcome Party put together by none other than their very own Amanda McCoy and Carol Stokes, which delivered some of the best decked-out styles of clothes and dancing from the Pilots of Georgia District. There were prize winners and contributions to our PI Founder's Fund for grants and scholarships!

The Atlanta Club's Dottie Adams and Sheryl Merrey went on to give a most informative presentation on our newest international Pilot and Anchor clubs in South Africa. Their dedication to their sponsorship made everyone proud!! And the books!! Oh, the books!! AND the socks! Don't ask Pilots for help with something this important and not expect a huge response. It was wonderful.

Thanks to everyone in the region who helped make this meeting possible and to our Governor Judy for her planning and inspiration; we were privileged to be asked to serve the Georgia District!

*Pat*



**"KEY TO SHARING OUR RESOURCES"**  
**AVALINE ADAMS**  
**PIFF REPRESENTATIVE**



Our Welcome Party at Fall Council was wonderful! Amanda McCoy and her team did a great job pulling everything together for our enjoyment plus a donation to PIFF! Thanks to all the clubs that participated in the fashion show. The Top 3 Winners were PC of Cochran, PC of Carrollton and PC of Sweetwater with a total donation of \$672.65 to the PI Founders Fund. What a great start for this year!

At Fall Council, I announced a challenge to each club in the Georgia District for collecting donations from your club members. The Georgia District PIFF project for this year is the "Dimes to Dollars" water bottle challenge. For the clubs that were unable to attend Fall Council or those that missed the challenge, it goes like this: Have your PIFF Club Representative present an empty 16.9 oz. water bottle to your club meeting in October and each month following. Prior to each meeting remind your members to convert their spare change into dimes. A full

bottle will hold approximately \$90. Bring your club's bottle to the Georgia District convention in April next year to be turned in. Just imagine if all the clubs in Georgia would participate, how much of a donation our district would be able to make to PIFF! This way everyone gets to participate in donating.

This past year Founders Fund awarded 40 scholarships. Let's make sure that Georgia receives a large portion of these scholarships next year. We can't receive unless applications are mailed in. The scholarship deadline will be here soon, so spread the word throughout your community!

*Avaline*

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**"OPENING THE GATES"  
SHELBY HOLLAND  
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**



Hello Georgia Pilot Sisters!

As we enter the month of November, this time of year allows my thoughts to be more aware of all my many blessings in life. I am honored for the opportunity of being a Pilot member. I am thankful for each Pilot Sister and the care and concern that is shown throughout our communities with the goals to continue volunteer service. I ask each Pilot Club during November to focus on their current members by showing appreciation for each member.

One of the most important tools of membership is your current membership. To keep members, a club must find out who its members are, understand their expectations, and make every effort to serve them well. Members will decide to stay with their club only if they feel that their time and dues are being used effectively to improve communities, and if they feel a sense of ownership, pride and belonging. Members need to feel that they play a role in club decisions and that their opinion counts.

A stable core of experienced members is the backbone of your club. New members can lean on and learn from members who have a history of involvement. Members who actively participate in their club more than likely will want to continue their membership. Does your club present an atmosphere of fellowship and friendship, and provide opportunities for club members to exercise their talents and abilities? Members need to feel at home and have a continuing reason to belong. Find ways to use the talents of ALL members.

Pilots, I encourage each of you to take 15 minutes each week during November to step out of your "comfort zone" and do something positive for your club. This may be as easy as inviting friends to a club meeting or just reaching out to a fellow club member you do not know very well. As a possible suggestion for highlighting a club member and getting to know a club member better would be to have a monthly:

**"Mystery Member – Guess Who?"**

Each month feature an article highlighting a mystery club member in club newsletter. This would involve calling a club member for a short interview to ask a few questions that would describe the club member and then send a short article to club newsletter editor for publishing. When the Membership Division reports at the club meeting, club members will be allowed to guess who the mystery member is. Give a small prize for correct guess. This would be an excellent way for everyone to get to know club members better.

Remember – Membership begins with **ME**

*Shelby*

**JOANN AKERS  
AWARDS JURY CHAIR**



With the start of a New Year fast approaching, it is time to turn attention to the Georgia District Awards!!! That's right...each club has the opportunity to submit entries and be officially recognized at the Georgia District Convention coming up in April. It truly does not matter the size of your club or where you are located – submitting an entry can be for every club!

To give each of you a bit of some background: last year a task force comprised of 3 Past Governors, including yours truly, was appointed by the Governor to review and make recommended changes to the Georgia District Awards. Changes and recommendations were submitted and approved and all of the revised entry forms have now been placed on the Georgia Pilot website. Please review the criteria and directions carefully for those changes. The awards have been brought "up to date" with the current PI terminology (such as Pilot International Founders Fund instead of PIF) as well as to recognize the "A, B, C's" of Pilot.

The awards "up for grabs" are the Ann Adams Attendance Award, the Edwina Gill Growth Award, the Nancy Henrick Friendship and Service Award, and the Vivian Hartman Memorial Award.

One award has been eliminated due to lack of entries received over the past 5 years and that is the Elizabeth Green Umhau Safety Award.

For your club's achievements to earn an award/s, you have to enter competition by completing the applications as found on the Georgia Pilot website and forwarding those forms to me. Applications must be properly completed, according to instructions, and postmarked- or e-mailed - no later than **Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.

Other awards that will be announced at District Convention are: Anchor Club of the year as well as the awarding of the Anchor Scholarships. Last, but certainly not least, the Governor's Cup will be presented to the most outstanding club of 2013-2014, chosen from the applications that have already been received.

I look forward to receiving lots of applications from you in February, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to seek help from your Lt. Governor or me.

Here's wishing you and yours a blessed and happy holiday season!

*JoAnn*



Pilot Club of Atlanta members Erin Kett & Dene' Dixon with Misty Morgan, Children's Area Coordinator for Oakland Cemetery's "Sunday in the Park"

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

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
Diann Rountree	Gainesville	Mother
Carole Reeves	Carrollton	Sister
Emma Wacaser	Bainbridge	Brother

**BRAIN FITNESS - THINK H.A.P.P.Y!!**

**Think H.A.P.P.Y. Be H.A.P.P.Y. BE BRAIN FIT!**

Today's research indicates that basic healthy lifestyle choices such as increased physical exercise, small dietary changes and better sleep habits have more of a positive effect on long-term mental acuity and brain-health than once thought.

Where many people have advocated mentally challenging activities such as puzzles or social interaction to stave off the symptoms of dementia and other cognitive signs of aging, new research indicates a strong positive correlation between increased physical activity and increased gray matter volume in the areas of the human brain that are crucial for cognitive function.

New research also shows that taking measures to find a purpose and remain involved and actively engaged in society - such as participating in clubs and performing community service - also has a strong positive impact on prolonged brain longevity.

Through its "Think H.A.P.P.Y. Be H.A.P.P.Y! BE BRAIN FIT." awareness campaign, Pilot International promotes positive thinking, healthy lifestyle changes and opportunities for community service for people of all ages, not just for physical fitness, but for mental fitness as well.

Pilot International's "Think H.A.P.P.Y. Be H.A.P.P.Y! BE BRAIN FIT." awareness campaign champions initiatives that promote the following characteristics vital for mental longevity and Brain Safety & Fitness throughout life:

- H - Healthy Lifestyle: Being physically fit means being mentally fit through all stages of life.
- A - Altruistic Behavior: The more you give, the more you get. Service over self, always.
- P - Purpose: Find your purpose in life - big or small - and follow it!
- P - Positive Attitude: Maintain a happy and healthy frame of mind. Smile more!
- Y - Youth: Surround yourself with youth and you will remain young



**"KEYS OPEN DOORS TO THE LIGHT"**  
**STEPHANIE RICHMOND**  
 DISTRICT CHAPLAIN



*The Light of the World is Jesus and by following him we have the key that can open many doors/areas in our lives to bring success and peace in our lives.*

**"To every thing there is a season..." Ecclesiastes 3:1a**

Autumn is one of my favorite times of year. I love the cool, crisp weather along with beautiful foliage that turns shades of red, green and gold. Then, the leaves fall to the ground leaving a barren tree or bush.

Scripture compares the Christian to a tree planted by the rivers of water. Jesus was so good to give us examples in nature which are keys in seeing and understanding his teachings. As I watch the leaves fall, I am reminded of the need to let the things in my life fall away if the season is over. This could be a habit, specific outreach or even intense parenting of our children. Often, we feel barren when we are stripped of the familiar, but God cannot fill a place in our lives that is already full. Sometimes we have to let things fall away for the new season ahead. It can be difficult as we may feel like He has just set us on a shelf and forgotten us while we are waiting for the new foliage to appear.

Following the stripping, we are to wait for our "tree" to produce again. Beautiful new leaves will eventually appear, fruit will ripen and we will benefit from the water that has been stored up by the root system. We have been made ready for next season.

We rejoice when spring comes and tree starts to bear again. Hopefully, we have been diligent to keep taking in spiritual nourishment to feed out "tree" so we have a bountiful supply of fruit to pass on to others. Colossians 2:7 puts it this way: "Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving to God for all He has done."

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, we don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer. Trust God today that no matter how dark your situation, God says, "You are coming out into my marvelous light!"

*Stephanie*



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