

Merry Christmas

*From your...
Georgia District Officers*





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"Pilots Touching the Lives of Others"

The Christmas Season is an excellent opportunity of touching someone's life. Look around and you will see many needs that can be met by Pilots. Many opportunities also await us as we begin the new year. Some of which include nominating someone whom your club(s) feel would be interested in serving as a District Officer. (Please note the article in this bulletin by Nancy Henrick, Nominating Committee Chair.) Plans are also underway for our District Convention scheduled for April 1-3, 2011. More information about the registration fee and room rates will be shared after our Mid-Year

Planning Meeting which is scheduled for January 14-16, 2011.

It is so exciting to report twenty two (22) new members for our District this month. Keep spreading the news about our wonderful organization and let others catch that enthusiasm!

May you have a blessed and joyful Christmas as you celebrate with your family and friends. In closing, I would like to share the following poem by Frankie Davis Oviatt with you.



A Christmas Blessing

May your Christmas be filled
With beautiful hours
And memories lovely to hold,
To enhance and embellish
The days of your years,
Like angel wings sprinkled with gold.
May the Christmas spirit,
In all of its joy,
Touch the depths of your soul with delight,
And may blessings in bushels,
Abundant and rich,
Light every path of your life.

Esther Foster, Georgia District Governor

DATES TO REMEMBER

PI/PIF Headquarters Closed – December 23-31, 2010
Freedom's Foundation – February 24-27, 2011 (for Anchors)
Anchor Convention, Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Islands – March 4-6, 2011
District Convention, Marriott, Atlanta Gwinnett Place, Duluth, GA –
April 1-3, 2011
PI Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Dallas, TX – July 13-16, 2011

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FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Hello Pilots, I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. I have seen from your newsletters that you have been very busy this Fall with fund raisers and service projects. Also I have received Secretary's reports showing new members are being installed!! What great news and thank you for your hard work in all areas. Believing in yourselves and what you can do within your neighborhoods is spreading throughout Georgia.

I would like to add my encouragement to the clubs to be thinking about Pilots to nominate for District office. We will be electing a Governor-elect, Treasurer and a few Lt. Governors. So please start considering folks to continue the outstanding work of this District.

I also want to start reminding Pilots that our Region meetings will be coming up shortly after District Convention. This is a great time of training for new officers and any Pilot who is considering moving up into a position of leadership within your club. Believe me when I say that 20+ years ago I never would have thought I would be your Governor-elect. The best training in the world came from serving as a club officer. I learned the nuts and bolts of being a good club officer from region meetings I attended. It is one of the venues where I started to meet other Pilots and making new friendships. Don't ever think you are not made of the material to be a leader, you wouldn't have been asked to be a Pilot if someone didn't see potential in all you have to offer.

The following are the dates for Region meetings for 2011:

April 30, 2011

West Central
Southeast
Northeast

May 14, 2011

East Central
Northwest
Southwest

My wish for you is to have a blessed Christmas and look forward to being together at District Convention.

Nancy Miller, Georgia District Governor-elect



FROM OUR CHAPLAIN.....

"If you seek an angel with an open heart.....You shall always find one."
Anonymous

Everyday, we as Pilots, operate on this **OPEN HEART** policy. We all care so deeply about making our cities, towns and District a wonderful place to live. "Touching the Lives of Others" is what we do best! Keep up the good work Pilot Angels for our work is a testimony to what is the best an Angel can be.

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Cynthia Spearman, Georgia District Chaplain



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A NOTE FROM OUR ECR...

Winnie Brewer, ECR

I recently read an article by John Maxwell entitled "*Inspire Gratitude this Season.*" I'd like to paraphrase a few of his thoughts in this message. He said reflective thinking is the key to a life of grace and gratefulness. On what better occasion than the holiday season to step away from the hustle and bustle and reflect on what we already have to be thankful for.

It seems that because our lives are so busy, it tends to steer us in a direction where we do not enjoy the holiday season with our friends and family. So I wish for each of you a wonderful holiday, a time of rest, relaxation and fun with your loved ones. May we all begin the New Year inspired to do great things in the name of Pilot.

I'm thankful for each of you and what you do!

Blessings Always,

Winnie Brewer, 1st Vice President

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LEADERSHIP

Louise Shimer, Leadership Coordinator

The Power of Communication



Have you heard the story about the man driving up a mountain road in a jeep? Coming down the mountain in the other lane is a woman in a Jeep. As she passes, she leans out and yells, "Pig!" The man is offended! Why is that woman calling him a name and making a judgment on his character? As he looks back in his rearview mirror at the woman behind him, he smashes into a hog that is standing in the middle of the road. The woman wasn't criticizing him, but rather warning him of what lay ahead. Unfortunately, her feedback was limited by time. Had circumstances allowed, she might have said, "There is a large farm animal ahead in the middle of the road – be careful.

Such are the pitfalls of communication. When you don't take time to communicate clearly, the potential for misunderstanding – and even disaster – is high.

One way to make sure another person has heard and understood what you've said is to ask them to repeat it back to you in their own words. You might say, "I want to make sure I've explained that clearly. Would you tell me how you understand what I've said?" Getting feedback is an excellent way to adjust your message and ensure understanding. The one drawback is that it is "after the fact." To increase the odds of future success, why not feed forward – provide people with the information they need to be successful before they undertake something.

Feedback evaluates what has been done.
Feed forward clarifies expectations of what needs to be accomplished.
Feedback is remedial.
Feed forward is preventative. Rather than waiting until later to determine if you've communicated clearly, it gives people the answers in advance to prevent possible problems from arising.

I wish for each of you a joyous holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Tatum, Membership Co-Chair

October in my club, the Pilot Club of Toccoa, means that it is time for Share Pilot. Since I am the Membership Division Chair for my club, I was in charge of the event. One of our members opened her home to our members for a salad supper which is always absolutely delicious (each member brings a salad), and we share all things Pilot with our prospects. We had three prospects that night—not a huge number, but we were pleased.

One of those prospects became a new member in November. Well, I was really excited!!! Then, I came to our November business meeting, and we had three resignations that night. I felt devastated! One of our most outstanding members has now moved, but I can't be upset with her about that. The second member resigned because of some health problems, and she cried when we talked about it. I have to understand that. The third resigned for financial reasons. With our present economy, we all have to accept that reason. Yes, they all had valid reasons—not excuses.

For the past two weeks, I have thought very seriously about what I can do when situations like this occur in my club. First of all, I will let the club closest to the member that moved know that she is in their community and what a wonderful member she has been, and will be again. Secondly, I am going to try to get the member with the health concerns to consider trying E-membership. Thirdly, I promise not to forget about the third member and to try to reclaim her in the future.

I felt much better after spending some time reflecting on what to do, and lo and behold, at our meeting last night the second guest at Share Pilot sent her application for membership to me. One of our other members brought her sister to our last meeting. There is another glimmer of hope.

Why did I tell you this story? This kind of thing happens to many clubs. We don't need to give up . . . we need to persevere. Keep searching for the positive, not the negative, and ALWAYS keep looking for good prospects for your club.



PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE

Era Hall, Projects Coordinator

It's Blankets, Bingo & Ice cream, Alzheimer & the Brain workshops, Tour of Homes, Holiday Auctions, Love Lights, Cookbook Sales, Fashion & Styles, Pecan Sales, Dictionaries to 3rd grade students, Gardening projects, Secret Santa, Packing the Pantries for Programs in need, Holiday Parties & Presents given to adults and children with neurodevelopment disorders, Canned Drink Tabs for the Hospitality Houses, and Featured Works of Artist with Disabilities: these are the ways Georgia Pilots have lead projects throughout Fall 2010! Congratulations to all of your project successes!

Projects pull Pilots together to reach beyond each member's self concerns and to the greater good of each community. There are many ways Pilots stretch the spirit of caring to their communities. For example, the Pilot Club of Commerce recently held an Alzheimer Education and support group workshop. The Commerce Pilots at this time are busy with a Secret Santa workshop, and donating stuffed toys to the local police who give the toys to children confronting frightening situations. Moreover, the Commerce Pilots have started their Love Lights holiday project.

The Pilot Club of Washington County holds their Senior Walk each year during the week of the Kaolin Festival activities. Over 60 people turned out for this year's Senior Walk on October 5. Paramedics were on hand to check blood pressure and heart rate before the event and after participants completed their walk, making it back to the Extended Care Facility entrance. An employee of the Washington County Regional Medical Center led the participants in a warm-up prior to the walk. T-shirts and door prizes were distributed to participants.

Another shining example of projects that show a community that cares is seen through the works of the Atlanta Pilots and their contact, Lisa Conley, who coordinated a "shower" of a collection of personal care items for individuals of the Metro-Atlanta Respite and Developmental Service (**MARDS**). Atlanta Pilots also gathered children's hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and gift cards and even gas cards to be used by families served by MARDS. The Pilots of Atlanta have been long-time supporters of this program that helps those with developmental needs. MARDS is a facility-based day, after-school and respite care provider in Metropolitan Atlanta. The group provides a family-oriented care for the physically and developmentally challenged, as well as typical children.

For certain, the goodness of caring shines through the Conyers Pilots who coordinated the Fall Festival Party at Independent Enterprises and shared cake and ice cream with the residents. Their friendship and service extended further with a Halloween Dance for the Rockdale Cares



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organization, and an autumn celebration for the Alzheimer's Unit at Westbury Nursing facility.

As is evident in the included picture, the spirit of kind hearts is evident in the work of the Okefenokee Pilot Club members who tied, sewed, and distributed blankets that radiate a warm hug to those facing the frightening trials of cancer treatment.



Each project fits the meaning of the following borrowed quote from the Atlanta Pilot Club's newsletter: "*Being a Pilot is that warm feeling you have when you've made a difference in the life of a child, adult and a friend... all in one day.*"

Know that the work you do for your Club's Pilot projects is important and significant especially during this holiday and winter season.



GOLF TOURNAMENT DETAILS AND TIPS

Judy Jackson, Fundraising Coordinator

This month is focused on Charity Golf Tournament details, tips, and other useful information compiled from my Lions Club

friends who recently netted \$6000 on their 2010 Charity Tournament. They had 13 teams to register; their club paid for lunch for players and 8-10 club members who worked the tournament, insurance for large cash prize, signs, etc. Since several of our clubs are interested in a Golf Tournament, I hope these "how to" specifics will help you.

Your tournament could benefit up to 5 specific charities which could be listed on your two Forms for Registration and Sponsorship. The **Registration Form** has the following details which will vary from club to club: Entry Fee: \$440 per team, Time: Noon registration and Lunch, Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm, Refreshments and Prize Giveaway: 5:00 pm. You will need spaces for Players One, Two, Three, and Four names, addresses, phone numbers and emails, along with a deadline for returning the completed form with checks payable to your club (the \$440 could be from the 4 players' employer or company or \$110 from each member of the team to total \$440).

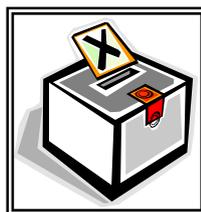
Tip 1: Recruiting a 4-member team (or several 4-member teams) from each of the major businesses, industries, or

employers in your area works really well. **Tip 2:** Hold your tournament on a weekday; team members can work for a half day and play in the Tournament for the second half of the day (Noon registration and lunch). A weekday holiday like Columbus Days works well also. **Tip 3:** Your hosting Golf/Country Club could provide a hotdog, hamburger, or sandwich lunch. **Tip 4:** Your Golf/Country Club can guide you through planning the event. **Tip 5:** Make calls well in advance to get registrations, sponsorships, and items for goodie bags. Follow up each call by emailing the two forms.

List prizes on the Registration Form to include some of the following or those of your choice: Hole-in-One prize of \$10,000 (your Golf Club can tell you how to purchase the insurance policy to cover the prize money), Longest Drive and Closest to Pin prizes will be awarded along with door prizes after the tournament. Mulligans will be sold for \$5.00 and players who wear their knickers will receive a free mulligan. You could include a website for purchasing knickers online.

The **Sponsorship Form** could list the specific charities and could allow the sponsor to check the charity or charities they would like to benefit. Your club may not want your sponsors to designate one charity, but rather split the total proceeds equally among the 5 charities. Sponsorship opportunities are: Scoreboard Sponsor \$250, Driving Range Sponsor \$200, Individual Hole Sponsor \$200, Putting Green Sponsor \$100. Also, there should be lines for sponsors to write in **Gifts and Prizes** with descriptions. Along with the Sponsor Information of Company, Contact Person, phone, email, company address, you would need to include the name, mailing address, phone of your club's contact person and the deadline for receiving the form and check.

If you have questions regarding Charity Golf Tournament details, "how to's," etc. email me at jsishes@att.net. Also email me if you have a favorite fundraiser to share with other clubs. **Happy holidays to each of you!**



DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE Nancy Henrick, Chair

Hope everyone enjoyed a Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday. Two of the special blessings I am thankful for are my Pilot friends and our wonderful organization. As we work busily in the coming month, please don't forget to take time to look around and NOMINATE someone wonderful for a Georgia District office. We need to fill a full slate of officers - Governor Elect, 6 Lt. Governors and Treasurer. What a special gift you will be giving to nominate a qualified Pilot member to serve our District. It is not only an honor to be nominated but a deep privilege to get to serve and the rewards are too many to list. The deadline for nominations to reach the Nominating Chair, Nancy Henrick at 100 Bay Berry Circle, St. Simons Island, GA is January 31, 2011.



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Wow! That's the first time I've typed 2011 - time is really flying!!! Please don't let this deadline slip up on you, just go to work and NOMINATE, NOMINATE, NOMINATE! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa or simply have a great December with family and friends.



GEORGIA DISTRICT ANCHOR CLUBS
Lynda Goodwin, Anchor Coordinator

This is an open invitation to **ALL** Pilots in Georgia District to attend our District Anchor Convention March 4-6, 2011 at the Legacy Lodge and Conference Center at Lake Lanier Islands. The theme this year is "Anchors Got Talent." The TV show theme will continue throughout the conference and will culminate in our "Red Carpet" Awards Banquet. If you can't attend the whole weekend, just come for the day Saturday. If your Pilot Club sponsors an Anchor Club, come support them. If you don't sponsor an Anchor Club, come and catch the spirit. I promise you will leave energized. Registration forms will be distributed in the next week with the November "Anchor's Aweigh."

Do you know if your Anchor Club paid their PI and District dues? They were due Nov 1. It is not too late. Get them in soon. The Anchors cannot vote at convention or run for district office unless all dues are paid for the club.

Don't forget to send me your Anchor/Pilot success stories. Send your favorites to Lynda@edgoodwinassociates.com and I will share them in the Governor's Bulletin and in "Anchor's Aweigh."



GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION

During the holidays, please don't forget about selling our tickets for the upcoming Dream Basket Drawing with the proceeds to be split between GPF and PIF. Tickets would make a great Christmas present.

The drawing will be at district convention being held April 1-3 at Gwinnett Place Marriott. There will be seven baskets with a total of \$3,000 in cash. This will be taken from the ticket sales. We will have 1 with \$1,000, 2 with \$500 each, and 4 with \$250 each. There will also be baskets with gift cards and cash to be donated by the clubs and individuals. We are asking each club to donate two gift cards valued at \$25 each or \$50 cash and we would like for all clubs to participate. The drawing will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the District Convention Installation Banquet.

The tickets will sell for \$10 each or 4 for \$25. Last year it raised almost \$10,000, but we can do much better this year. We need to start now. You have plenty of time to sell tickets and have mini fundraisers in your clubs to raise the money. Please make checks out to GPF. Last year some of the clubs passed a basket around at each meeting to

collect money and bought tickets in their club's name. We really like that idea. Why don't we all try it?

All clubs except for a few picked up their first packet of tickets at Fall Council. If the president did not pick the tickets up, check with your members in attendance. Someone has them. If you would like more, please contact Robin Perry.

We also collected some of the gift cards or \$50 cash from about 20 clubs at Fall Council. If you didn't give your two \$25 gift cards or \$50 cash at Fall Council, please send them to Brenda Walker, PIF representative. See her contact info below. When you purchase your gift cards, please make sure they are activated by the store clerk. We had a few last year that were not.

We are all really excited about this fundraiser and all the potential it has for both GPF and PIF. We hope that you will be too.

Again, thanks for your continued support for our Georgia Pilot Foundation.

We all hope for a wonderful Christmas holiday for all of you and your families. Be safe and have a joyous time. See you next year.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

LT. GOVERNOR
Gail Sharber – December 21



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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Georgia District would like to welcome all the newest members to our organization! WELCOME!!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Cathy H. Howard	Johnson County	Jan Martin
Miranda Walker	Johnson County	Sarah Price
Janice D. Waters	Johnson County	Reinstated
Annie F. Warren	Perry	Linda Jones
Sue A. Dobas	Perry	Mary Thrower
Doris Barber	Perry	Mary Thrower
Dianne Russell	Perry	Linda Doyle
Karen Swift	Perry	Joyce Green
Dale "Suzanne" Crawford	Adel	Mary Ann McCranie – Reinstated
Dr. Karen Lambie	Statesboro	Priscilla Clifton
Cassidy L. Burgamy	Statesboro	Helen Winstead
Joan Lynch	Toccoa	Joyce Dooley
Tama R. Henson	Toccoa	Kathy Harvey
Abby Rogers	Commerce	Janice Minish
Kelli Hill	Commerce	Janice Minish
Nancy Hill	Commerce	Janice Minish
Maxine Seagraves	Commerce	Janice Minish
Linda J. Benson	Perry	Mary Thrower
Datra N. Brack	Perry	Linda Doyle
Gwendolyn H. Hasty	Perry	Linda Doyle
Muriel Bentley	Cairo	LaDonnia Humphries
Dayna Watson	Bainbridge	Gail Sharber

Twenty-two New/Reinstated Members! This is a great report...let's keep recruiting new and former members and we will soon have a net+ increase on the Membership Analysis Report for Georgia District. WAY TO GO, GEORGIA PILOTS!

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



Pilot	Pilot Club
Carol Gamble	Conyers
Linda Blakely	Lavonia
Marilyn Rose	Past PI President, 1994-1995
Sue Clary	Jefferson
Virginia Maxwell	Heard Co. – Charter Member

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Juanita Simpson	Gainesville	Nephew
J-Net Viera	Gainesville	Niece
Beverly McKenna	Chatham Co. and SE Lt. Governor	Father
Betty Dailey	Atlanta	Nephew
Henrietta Mabry	Lavonia	Sister
Sue Maret	Lavonia	Sister
Joyce Green	Perry	Husband
Sally Wehr	Atlanta	Brother-in-Law



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Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc.



CONTRIBUTION FORM

The Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable foundation, which currently provides post secondary education scholarships to Georgia District Anchor Club members, as well as to benefit people with disabilities and brain related disorders.

Please send your gift, along with this completed form to: **BARBARA WRIGHT**
2010-11 GA DIST. TREASURER
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BLAKELY, GA 39832

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Esther Foster

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