



# Georgia District

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

It's a great year to be a Pilot—and a great year to be a Governor! Georgia Pilots are so wonderful, hard-working, gracious, and caring. Fall Council promises to be a learning and caring experience, as well as a celebration, with musician Jerry Rogers, who graces West Georgia with popular tunes from every decade. Come join us at the Doubletree by Hilton Atlanta-Marietta for a Decades Fashion Show and a day of information sharing, celebrating our successes, building on our strengths, and overcoming our weaknesses.

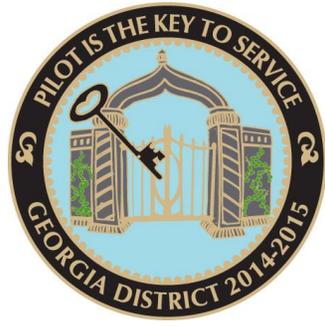
We have a new Executive Director at Pilot Headquarters, Leila Andrews, who lives in Bonaire, near Macon. Leila brings a wealth of experience with non-profits and is a welcomed addition to our organization. Our headquarters staff members, who answer our emails and respond to our questions and needs are Bonnie Millirans and Megan Milton. We are fortunate to have these very capable ladies and appreciate their assistance. We enjoyed meeting them and working with them during PI Convention.

The Peachtree Club of Atlanta, along with other Pilot and Anchor Clubs across our state are working hard on the Stand Up For Stand Down toiletry collections for homeless veterans. If you haven't had a chance to participate, there's still time by taking your toiletries to one of the GA Cancer Specialists locations. Both Channel 11 and Channel 2 Family to Family are giving us coverage and the Atlanta Journal Constitution has run both print and online articles giving GA District Pilot Clubs mention as partners in this event with Northside Hospital and GA Cancer Specialists. Thanks to District Secretary Robin Williams for giving our clubs this opportunity to participate once again this year and seeing that we get media coverage. This is an exciting time! Congratulations to our clubs who have been bringing in new members to join our efforts in charitable and educational projects in our communities! I continue to receive new member forms and read in your newsletters about clubs initiating and welcoming new Pilots. This is an exciting time to be a Pilot! If your club hasn't gotten any new members yet, jump on board!

*Judy*



Governor Judy Jackson visited the Pilot Club of Atlanta to initiate a new member and welcome another member new to the club. Pictured from left to right are Past Governor Bernyce Stickle who has moved back to Georgia from Florida and was welcomed as a new member; President Dottie Adams, sponsor; Lori Langland was initiated as a new Pilot; and sponsor Sheryl Merrey.



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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October 1**

Deadline for PIFF Matching Grants to Avaline Adams

**October 3-4**

Fall Council Doubletree by Hilton Atlanta-Marietta

**Clubs:** We want to highlight special events in your club in our newsletter. Please send your pictures and a brief description to Governor Judy at [jsjshes@att.net](mailto:jsjshes@att.net) & copy to Editor Kirsten at [kajorge@yahoo.com](mailto:kajorge@yahoo.com)



**“A CAPELLA CHAPLAIN”  
TERESA SHIRLEY**

There is a southern gospel song entitled, **“Faith Unlocks the Door.”** It has been recorded by various artists and quartets. It is a hymn which I love because its words ring true today as they did when it was written in 1955. As Pilots, we can appreciate its lyrics when we consider the following excerpt from our own Pilot International Code of Ethics:

*“To cherish our visions and our ideals; to cherish the music that stirs our hearts, the beauty that forms in our minds, knowing that on these things we can build our world, for visions and dreams are the seedlings of reality.”*

Here are the lyrics of **Faith Unlocks the Door:**

Prayer is the key to Heaven	Have faith when you speak to the Master
But faith unlocks the door	That’s all He asks you for
Words are so easily spoken	Prayer is the key to Heaven
Prayer without faith	But faith unlocks the door.
Is like a boat without an oar.	

Mother Teresa (1910-1997), the Albanian-born Roman Catholic Missionary, once said:

**“The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace”.**

*Teresa*



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

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>
Jacqueline Herrick	Jefferson
Lois Gardner (Charter Member)	Conyers
Alvin Stevens	CSRA



**Welcome! GA District New Members.....**

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Angie Boatbright	Evans Co.	June Parks
Annie Johnson	Evans Co.	Edwina Hames
Elizabeth Crittendon	Lavonia	Avaline Adams
Nancy Jean Chaklos	Milledgeville	Jean Hall
Staci Miles	Perry	Linda Doyle
Julia LeMae Lynn	Royston-FS	Lynn Pruitt

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
Helen Gunnels	Jefferson	Son
Debbie Fonda	Monroe	Mother
Sherry Cox	Monroe	Husband
Sherry McDuffie	Classic City	Mother
Margie Hatcher	Jones Co.	Husband
Pudge Smith	Hartwell	Mother-n-law
Esther Moulder	Lavonia	Mother
Kris Harden	Dublin	Mother-n-law
Carol McLanahan	Elberton	Father
Ann Stevens	CSRA	Husband
Surelle Pinkston	Macon	Mother

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



Pilots, let me know that all your keys are opening the gates to your new projects planned for this year. We want to showcase your club's projects and share your ideas and success with other clubs, so let me know what you are doing by email so we can get it in the Bulletin.

I hope each of you are making plans to attend Fall Council, October 3-4, 2014 and that your clubs are gathering books for the "Zambia Schoolbook Project" while you are out enjoying the sunny days. If you club has an association with an Anchor Club, this is a great opportunity to invite them to join you on this project and a great way to start the new Pilot year working together.

Now is the best time to purchase tube socks for our veteran's project

"Soldiers' Angels," as back to school sales are continuing. Invite Anchors to join this project, as well.

We will have designated drop off areas at Fall Council for the books and tube socks. One of our workshops will have some inexpensive Pick Me Up ideas that will work for a few people or a group, so I hope you plan on attending to take part in one of the four great workshops planned.

As you plan your Pick Me Up projects, keep in mind that some of the projects spoken about at International convention were used for caregivers at nursing homes and assisted living facilities, not just individual home based caregivers. The possibilities are endless.

Think on this as you go through August:

**"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around".** Leo Buscaglia

Until next month, *Jayne*



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



Fall is almost here! It is my favorite time to be outside. I love seeing all the leaves turn and walking in the crisp, cool air. But there are two more things I love during the fall season – BBQ and chill! I started thinking that it would be so much fun to host a cook-off! Your club can do a chili cook-off, BBQ cook-off, or if you are feeling really ambitious – do both! All areas of Georgia have aspiring chefs who would like to put his or her food up to the test. Of course, you would charge an

entry fee and also charge for the folks who would be attending. You can even spilt the contest into age groups so young folks can give it a try. Have each contestant bring his or her own means to cook the food, and watch them go at it. If your club feels that would be too much, have the contestants cook the food at home and bring to the event. Be sure to advertise! Even go by local BBQ huts and restaurants to see if they would be interested in entering. This is an idea that your club can have fun with, not to mention all the good tasting you can do, as well!

*Amanda*



**SUSAN HARBIN  
GA DISTRICT TREASURER**



**Pilot Clubs Return to 501c4 status**

The IRS did a sampling of various individual Pilot clubs late in 2013 as part of their review for the Pilot International group 501c3 determination. Unfortunately our group determination did not pass so the decision was made by the IRS that the clubs must remain 501c4's until further clarification can be made. (Note if you had a 501c3 designation prior to the group registration, that designation was not impacted. We have a few Pilot clubs who already had foundations established.) Pilot International received this determination in June and communicated it to us at Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Chicago.

To be clear – 501c4 Pilot clubs are considered nonprofit organizations and are exempt from paying federal income tax. Donations made to 501c4 organizations are NOT tax deductible. We may do pass through grants and donations through PI as we

did prior to embarking on the journey to obtain 501c3 status for our group. PI is waiving the fee for pass through donations at this time. We will need to make a decision in the future as to our next steps in regards to becoming 501c3 as a group or as an individual club.

We have also discovered through this process that some of our Georgia clubs have **lost their 501c4 status due to not filing Form 990**. Clubs whose tax-exempt status was automatically revoked because they did not file required 990 series returns or notices for three consecutive years can apply for reinstatement. The guideline that we publish in our District manual is that all clubs should file annually. Please check your records to confirm that you have been filing Form 990. We have several clubs in the Georgia district that will need to go through the process of reinstatement as a 501c4. I will be contacting them in the coming weeks.

You will receive more information at Fall Council. Please contact me if you have any questions, [hsharbin@windstream.net](mailto:hsharbin@windstream.net) or 706-491-3575.

*Susan*

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**GRACE CRITTENDEN  
GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT**

One of the joys of being Governor-elect is the opportunity to review the programs of work from the District's clubs. The work being done is truly heartwarming and just plain amazing. However, there is an "elephant" stomping around our District that is preventing some of our clubs from being as visible and effective in their communities as they ought to be. That "elephant" is called "too-few-members." This old elephant is causing discouragement and burn-out because members can't see the way clearly to do all the things that the club needs to be doing. So--- "How do you eat the elephant?" The answer is so simple; "Take one bite at a time."

The first time I heard this saying I had a proverbial "Ah Ha" moment. My approach to problem solving had been all wrong. I had been trying to tackle my "elephants" in big chunks rather than breaking them down into manageable bites. The really scary part about the Pilot elephant is that if a club is not growing, *it is dying*. Oh no, I said it and it is not what anyone wants to hear even though we have heard it so many times before. Now, let's do something about it. Let's Recruit and Retain Members!!

Recruiting members is the most critical aspect of an organization's success and longevity. People will join Pilot for many reasons. Why did you join? Was it to get involved with something worthwhile? Was it to meet people, make new friends, explore your interests, develop leadership skills, or to have some fun with other people? It was

probably a combination of several things. Groups have to have new members because they bring new ideas and talents in addition to replacing those who "age out," move away, or leave for whatever reason.

For your efforts to get new members to be successful, you must have a plan – a definite step-by-step plan with every member on board with it. To help you know how to do this plan, do what I did and go to Google. There is a ton of information out there—too much for me to share in this article. Also, go back to Governor's Bulletins and Pilot Logs and read the articles written by your Membership Coordinators. Attending convention workshops is a great resource. Odessa, TX had a terrific workshop on this very subject at PI Convention this year. Then get ready to do some analyzing.

What makes people want to become a part of something? Does your club still offer what attracted you? Is your club visible in your community? Is participation in club activities worth the time you have to give? Do you have fun together? If all you do as Pilots is work, it will become a burden to the members and they will quickly lose interest. Do you plan a time to socialize, recognize, and celebrate accomplishments? Also, be sure your community knows what you have done.

Changes may be necessary, but don't let that scare you. New ideas and new ways to do things can be a shot in the arm and create some enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is so-o-o contagious. If other people see you excited about what you do and having fun doing it, who knows, they might just want to be a part of it. The "key" in this message is *visible enthusiasm* while you are *doing something worthwhile*. Now go eat some "elephants." I can't wait to hear your success stories!



**"LEADING THROUGH THE GATE"  
PATRICIA WHATLEY  
LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR**



Grace



**Why Would You Want Leadership Training in Your Pilot Club?**

Every member of your club has talents. Developing those talents is "Leadership Training." You do not need to have an entire meeting about leadership, but simply incorporate things into your meeting. You could have an "Ice Breaker" where each member stands up, introduces themselves and tells why they joined Pilot. The skill you have highlighted is "speaking in front of the group." "Group too big?" Do three or four people at several meetings. Try closing the meeting with someone different each meeting reading the Code of Ethics. These are practices that will improve the self confidence of members and self awareness.

Keep it positive, build the team, and you will see a difference. The club needs to work as a team to keep the negatives out. We are all Pilots and we have goals and objectives which we all want to accomplish. Sometimes there are disagreements and we must face the conflicts with positive attitudes; also, discuss and resolve. Leaders should never let conflict "fester." Working together in a positive manner throughout Pilot is what we need to succeed as an organization.

Patricia



District Secretary Robin Williams, 3rd from r, is pictured with Dr. Al Soltan, President of GA Cancer Specialists (2nd from r) and others representing metro area Pilot and Anchor Clubs at the first packing party of toiletries for Stand Up For Stand Down, an event for homeless veterans. On August 19, the Peachtree Pilot Club of Atlanta and the Pilot Club of Atlanta, both Pilots and family members, came together at the Atlanta GA Cancer Specialist site and assembled 290 bags for the Atlanta VA event for health services for homeless veterans. Veterans will each be given a bag of toiletries to take with them from the event. Another packing party is slated for later in September to complete their goal of 600 bags. District Anchor President Mary Stuart Shannon and Governor Judy joined 26 other volunteers in working that evening.

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**"THE KEY TO THE FUTURE"**  
**MARY TURNER**  
**ANCHOR COORDINATOR**



With the beginning of the school year comes the start of a new Anchor year. I need all Pilot Club Anchor Coordinators to be in contact with each Anchor Club you sponsor and provide the name of the advisor and all of their information to me as soon as possible. Some of you have already sent this to me, but please double check and make sure they have not changed. Please remember that in addition to the \$10.00 Pilot International dues, each Anchor will need to pay \$4.00 for liability insurance. The Pilot International forms are in the process of being updated.

The Anchor Convention will be held February 27- March 1, 2015 at Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Island. The Georgia District Anchor board met recently and started working on convention. One of the service projects this year will be to pack toiletry bags. Each region has been assigned an item to furnish for the bags. The Anchors will also take part in the Pilot District project of collecting gently used books for ages 5-13 for the Zambezi Book Project.

I would like to encourage all of the Pilot Clubs in Georgia District to think about starting an Anchor Club. You no longer have to have an Anchor Club in a school. If you would like more information about starting a club, please let me know. Please check out the Georgia District Anchor Facebook page. I will post information on the Facebook page, and if you have questions or items that you would like to share, please post as well. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at [turnerma@elberton.net](mailto:turnerma@elberton.net).

Mary



The Pilot Clubs of Elberton, Hartwell, Lavonia, Royston-Franklin Springs, and Toccoa collaborated in bringing Mr. Harold King of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to Franklin Springs City Hall to present a seminar on Concussions and treatment. The event was attended by representatives of Franklin Co. Rec. Dept. staff and coaches, and members of the Franklin Co. Sheriff's Department as well as representation by Marsha Walker of Toccoa Falls College, parents, grandparents, and members of the community. Special Guest was Pilot Region Lt. Governor, Jenni Overby of Winder. Pictured are L to R, Kathy Neal, Hartwell, Evelyn Elrod, Royston, Harold King, Diane Estes, Toccoa, Elizabeth Crittendon, Lavonia, Reg. Lt. Gov. Jenni Overby, and Eleanor Ragsdale of Lavonia who coordinated the event.



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



Can you believe we are heading into our third month of this new Pilot year? Time is flying by, and I ask each of you to take a moment to stop for a checkup regarding development of your club's "Master Keys" to allow your membership success to be on track for "Opening the Gates to Growth" this year. Have you started your plans for your Share Pilot Event? Always remember to check your areas of influence, or otherwise known as your **FRAN** areas – **Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances and Neighbors**, for possible members. Success can be accomplished by doing one simple task and that is to **Just Ask!!** As a checkup question for you, I offer this membership tip to assist in creating your membership strategy. Monday is always a good day to begin!

**What can each of us do on Membership Monday?**

1. Every Monday, **invite** one neighbor, friend or acquaintance to attend the next club meeting as a guest.
2. **Distribute** club profiles to three people in your neighborhood each Monday, and widen the circle each week.
3. **Introduce** your club to neighbors by asking them to save specific items that your club donates to local organizations. Examples: peanut butter for the Food Bank; healthy snacks and fruit drinks for the local "Boys and Girls Club"; and bottled water, kitchen trash bags, and paper towels for the local women's clinic.
4. **Distribute** club profiles to local libraries, town halls, local YMCA, businesses you patronize, supermarkets, Chamber of Commerce, agencies that receive club donations, etc.
5. **Call** a member who did not attend your last club meeting.
6. **Write** a note to a member who is ill, had a birthday or special anniversary.
7. **Call** a member who has not been involved in the club for some time and update them about the exciting things happening. Encourage them to come to a club meeting or fundraising event.
8. **Write** a note of appreciation to a member who has done a fantastic job of coordinating a project or fundraiser.
9. **Contact** a local real estate agent for names and addresses of new residents. Have different club members **Send** "welcome" letters out on Monday.
10. **Distribute** brochures about Project Lifesaver along with club profiles to community places for promoting this project offered by your club.

Remember – Membership begins with **ME** – especially on Membership Mondays!

Shelby

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Key Resources

**"KEY TO SHARING OUR RESOURCES"**

**AVALINE ADAMS**  
**PIFF REPRESENTATIVE**



It is a pleasure to represent the GA District as your Pilot International Founders Fund Representative and serve with Co Representative Jo Farish.

Has your club dreamed of a project, but it seemed impossible due to lack of funds? Now is the time to make your dream project a reality. Dream big and start planning your application today!

If your club is planning on applying for a grant this year it is important to remember a few necessary guidelines:

**Grant Application Categories:** Anchors-Youth Development, Brain Safety & Fit-ness, Caring for Families in Times of Need

**Participation Requirement:** 60% or more of the recipient group must be assisted by the grant. Percentage must be stated on your application. This information is available from all eligible organizations.

**Additional Funding Requirement:** Grants are limited to 50% of a project's necessary funds, and will match only cash amount contributed by the applicant. Requests must be rounded down to nearest even dollar.

**Maximum Available:** \$5,000 per club per year. A club may submit only one application per year.

**Limit on Funding for On-Going Projects:** 3 years. First year: 50% up to \$5,000. Second year: 50% of original request. Third year: 25% of original request. Years do not need to be consecutive.

**Reminders:** Remember to type the application. Also, make sure you include a press release assuming you have received the grant from PI, giving credit to Pilot International and explaining what PI represents.

If you are applying for a Lifesaver Grant and you check the block that you are giving a presentation, be sure to send a written presentation with your request.

**Timetable for Applications:** Postmark deadline for application to be mailed to me is **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. Postmark deadline for applications to be sent to PI, **October 15**. Checks for approved grants and denials sent, *January 31*. Information on Grants can be found at [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org) – PI Founders Fund.

Please mail all grant applications to me at 4940 Hwy 145 – Carnesville, GA 30521. The earlier you get to me, the better. Jo and I will review for completeness and provide any feedback that might allow you to "tweak" your submission.

**Reminder:** Select a *Pilot International Sweetheart* from your club members at the August meeting, and honor them in September. A minimum of \$25 contribution to PI must be postmarked by September 30<sup>th</sup> for inclusion of the club's sweetheart in the *Pilot Log*. Criteria for selecting a sweetheart can be found on the PI website under Club Resources.

More information from PI Founders Fund to follow in the near future! See you at Fall Council!

*Avaline*

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**NANCY MILLER**  
**GPF REPRESENTATIVE**



**Georgia Pilot Foundation**



Hello Pilots, again this year GPF and PIFF will be holding separate district fundraisers. The GPF fundraiser helps fund our annual Anchor and Lynda Goodwin Volunteer scholarships. Due to your generosity over the years, we have been able to award \$124,000 in scholarships.

The 2013-14 raffle proceeds, along with the \$100 donations made by clubs and Pilot members, allowed us to award \$7,500 in Anchor scholarships and \$4,500 in the Volunteer Scholarship. GPF appreciates your continued support of this very worthy endeavor. As we all know, college expenses continue to rise each year. The 2013-2014 Raffle winners were: Kathy Berry (Moultrie), Sherrill Day (Gainesville), Caroline Holder (Eatonton), Frances Roberts (Jones Co.), Hope Shellhouse (Cuthbert), Susan Smith (Haralson Co.), and Patricia Wilkinson (Milledgeville). The GPF donation form is available on the Georgia Pilot website [pilotgeorgia.org](http://pilotgeorgia.org). Donations should be sent directly to the GA District Treasurer, Susan Harbin.

The 2014-2015 district GPF fundraiser – "Keys to the Future" will be for \$2000 in cash awards. With the decrease in the amount given as

prizes, the number of tickets given to each club this year will again be 40. Tickets will sell for \$10 each or 4 for \$20. Each club is being asked to sell at least \$200 in tickets. We hope all Georgia District clubs will participate.

The drawing will be for eight "Keys" worth \$250 each. The \$2,000 in prizes will be awarded from the fundraising proceeds. Tickets will be distributed to the Club Presidents at the Fall Council meeting held at the Doubletree by Hilton Atlanta-Marietta on Saturday, October 4, 2014.

The GPF scholarship application will be e-mailed to all Club Presidents and Anchor Advisors with the District Anchor Fall Newsletter in October. The Lynda Goodwin Volunteer scholarship application will be e-mailed to all club presidents. Both applications will also be available on the Georgia Pilot website.

Thank you for your continued support of GPF and our district Anchors and student volunteers. Investing our time, our energy, and especially our resources in these students is not only an investment in our future leaders but also in our future Pilots.

*Nancy*

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**JENNI OVERBEY**  
**NORTHEAST LT. GOVERNOR**

We were reminded in Chicago at Pilot International's Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference how important each one of us is to our organization. We were asked to think about what kind of leadership we had in our clubs and to evaluate how we might need to change the structure of our club to fit into today's busy lifestyles. We were also reminded how important it is for us to continue to recruit new members and to develop new projects for our clubs. Pilot Pick-Me-Ups were highlighted and we learned how to have a successful Pick-Me-Ups program in our own community. Caregivers are among the most important people in our communities and if we start looking around us, we can identify many people who are caregivers to family, friends and acquaintances. More often than not, we have caregivers right in our own Pilot Club. Do something nice for them to let them know that they are appreciated.

We were taught at Convention how to successfully navigate the Pilot International Website, and if you have not been there lately, I encourage you to just spend some time poking around and seeing how the site is organized. It has been carefully and thoughtfully organized, and if we can all familiarize ourselves with it, we can find most anything we need. There are great tools there under the "media" section with templates for you to use to customize to your own club for recruitment and exposure.

I am also very proud of our own Georgia website, pilotgeorgia.org. I hope everybody is aware that we have a Georgia site, and it is full of Pilot information and forms, as well as a directory with contact information for our DAC/DEC and club presidents.

I encourage all of us to use the tools that are available from Pilot International to help strengthen our own clubs, and remember that your District Officers are eager and willing to help your clubs in any way that they can.



**ROBIN WILLIAMS**  
**GA DISTRICT SECRETARY**

While I was at the Annual PI Convention and Leadership Conference in Chicago, I had an opportunity to attend the District Secretary's Workshop. It was presented by our new ECR, Faith Stamps, current PI Secretary and moderated by Deb Hayes, PI Director, 2012-2014. I know if you have ever met or know of Deb Hayes, you know what a "hoot" she is, and if you attend the Fall Council (and I sure hope you are planning to), you will meet Faith. Now, the reason I state this is so that you know I am sharing this information straight from the top. Here are a few tidbits you might find useful. We had a pretty healthy discussion and review about the term "motions." Here's a little clarification:

- A motion that is withdrawn is not mentioned in the minutes. However, if the motion is seconded and restated to the Assembly by the Chair, the motion is owned by the Assembly and cannot be withdrawn and should be recorded in the minutes.
- To remove a motion from the voting process once the motion is owned by the Assembly, the Assembly must make a motion to postpone the original motion indefinitely and approve it. This in effect removes the original motion from the floor. Both motions belong to the Assembly and must be recorded in the minutes.

Club Secretaries: *Pilot International Membership database* – Portal Buzz is now available to simplify your job. You should have received an email notification about its launch on July 31<sup>st</sup>. This is where each Club can manage their membership electronically. The Club Secretary can add new members, remove those no longer in your club, or edit your members' demographic information, like address, phone or email. While I don't have access to your Club's membership database, (it is not available to District Secretaries at this time), I want to be able to get questions answered for you. I will be making a presentation about Portal Buzz at Fall Council based on your questions and would love to have as many of them in advance so I can prepare the information from the company directly. You can send your questions to me at my home address or send them to me in an email at [rwms55@yahoo.com](mailto:rwms55@yahoo.com).

Here is a quote I found to be quite profound:

***"No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude".*** ~Author Unknown

I appreciate each of you helping me be the best District Secretary I can be. See you at Fall Council!

Robin

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**Past Governors**

**Bernyce Stickle**  
**September 12**

**Helen Winstead**  
**September 14**

**Fran Hartley**  
**September 21**

**SE Lt. Governor**

**Maureen Stoy**  
**September 10**

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Let's Meet Our ECR  
*Faith Stamps*



Faith, a native of Pittsylvania County, VA, began her career as an elementary teacher with the Danville Public Schools in Danville, VA. She is currently the Executive Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Danville Area. She previously worked for United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County as Director of Community Impact and Operations.

Faith earned a bachelor's degree and M.Ed. from Averett University and a certificate in nonprofit management from Duke University. She was recently appointed by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors to serve as a board member for Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board. Faith is also currently in the Middle Border Forward Fellows Program, a program devoted to developing the next

generation of leaders in the Dan River Region. Having been a Pilot for more than 10 years, she is currently a member of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Danville.

Her favorite quote is "A rising tide lifts all boats," by John F. Kennedy, Jr. Faith believes that as Pilot embarks on its journey, Pilots and Anchors throughout the world can Do More, Care More, and Be More. Pilot International is that rising tide.

Faith and Larry have two wonderful pups, Miley and Roxie. They are proud godparents to Tripp and John Benjamin Riddle who fill their life with wonder and amazement. Faith enjoys living an active life participating in 5k's and Crossfit. She also enjoys spending time with friends.

The school year at the Academy for Classical Education in Macon, Georgia got a kick-start as the Pilot International Executive Committee and Headquarters Staff shared a Pick Me Up for sixty-six teachers recently.

Pilot International Headquarters is located at 102 Preston Court in Macon, Georgia. This year we welcomed our newest neighbors by recognizing their teaching staff with a Pick Me Up. One thing is for certain, we both know a little bit more about each other's mission and I think we've just identified a great place to start a new Anchor Club!

A special thank you executive committee director Connie Moore for all her efforts in getting the Pick Me Up supplies together for us to assemble and Anchor Specialist Jennifer Whitehead in setting up the meeting and tour of the school. This was a great teaming effort for both the Executive Committee and staff to kick their day off at 8 a.m. before our meetings started. We are calling this a "Pick Me Up Challenge" because we challenge each of you to showcase the teachers, nurses, caregivers, etc. that you recognize in all your networks this coming year. Will you be doing a Pick Me Up in your community? Or at your district fall meeting? I cannot think of a better way to impact the community while your members are in town for the day! The Pilot International PICK ME UP Guide is in the process of being revamped and will be available for each of you to share and gather new ideas very soon.

The revised 2014 Pilot International Founders Fund Grant form and instructions went out at the end of August. Pilot International Founders Fund Grant Chair, Virginia Bunde, will be hosting a webinar to educate our members on the new process and vast opportunities ahead. So give to the goal and apply for a grant. Grants are to be postmarked or have an email timestamp to District PIFF Representatives by October 1<sup>st</sup> and to Pilot International by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Did you join Sharon Brooks for Pilot International's 501(c)(3) webinar training? If so, we hope you walked away with a wealth of knowledge. This is just a great example of how Pilot International will be integrating technology to serve our memberships needs. The recorded version of the webinar has been shared with each of the District Governors and will be placed on the website.

To quote Leo Buscaglia, "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Never underestimate the power of our mission!

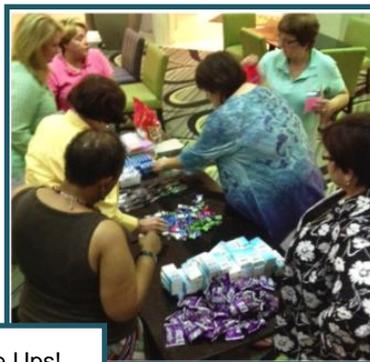
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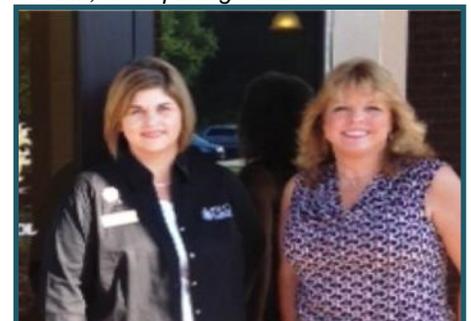
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Academy for Classical Education  
PI Executive Committee, HQ Staff and School Staff



EC assembling the 66 Pick Me Ups!



President Sherry & one of the school Founders

**Our Vision: Pilot International envisions a world where all are valued.**

