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MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR

As Pilots, we endeavor to raise the awareness of others by helping to set the tone for empowering others to believe, hope and dream. We continue to be inspired by Georgia Artists with Disabilities (GAWD) which was founded by The Pilot Clubs of Metropolitan Atlanta in 1985. Its mission, in part, is to create public awareness of artistic skills that these artists have developed by overcoming the obstacles of a disability. Throughout the state of Georgia, disabled adults are provided a great opportunity where their original artwork is displayed, sold and these artists are eligible to compete for awards. The opportunity does not stop there! Their artwork is displayed in a

statewide tour and exhibit. The various mediums of art work include drawings, fabric design, pottery, jewelry, medal work, woodcarving, sculpture, print painting and weaving. Since its founding, Georgia Artist with Disabilities has helped hundreds of disabled artists receive recognition and commercial opportunities.

I am asking that every club consider supporting this inspiring organization. Please contact Tammy Goodwin at tammygoodwin8792@gmail.com if you are interested in sponsoring a disabled citizen of Georgia who is creative and talented in the arts. You may also contact Tammy if you wish to volunteer or attend the Annual GAWD Award Luncheon on September 22, 2018.

Doretta

MESSAGE FROM OUR ECR

Can you feel the excitement? Pilots returned home from our PI convention in Nashville rejuvenated and rededicated to Pilot International. They experienced great workshops and speakers. Some even learned to juggle!

President Karen issued clubs and districts a membership challenge for 2018-2019. The President's Challenge is for clubs to increase by 15% and for districts to increase by 1 club. Those that meet the challenge will be announced at the 2019 convention in Chicago. President Karen stated that she knew Pilots tended to be a little competitive so she expects to announce many President's Challenge winners. According to social media, some of our clubs and districts are already at work to meet the challenge!

In addition to increasing membership in existing clubs and districts, President Karen spoke about expansion to areas where there currently are no Pilot clubs. She plans to appoint a committee to investigate expansion opportunities that are available and to create a plan for moving forward. Those wishing to serve on this committee can e-mail her or their ECR.

There are two important deadlines for Pilots coming up in the next couple of months. Clubs may name a Pilot Ambassador and make a donation to PIFF in their name. The form and

donation are due by September 30. The donation helps fund our Safe Harbor grants program. Grant deadlines are due by October 15. That may seem like a long time away. However, you will need time to get the application completed.

Be sure to check out our Pilot International website. We have added information from many of the 2018 convention workshops. You can refresh your memory of the presentation or maybe use the materials in your club or district.

Let's continue the energy generated at our convention in 2018-2019. Let's Do More. Care More. Be More. in all of our communities around the globe!

I am thrilled to be your Executive Committee Representative and look forward to getting to know you. As ECR, I will assist you in obtaining materials and information from Pilot International. Please do not hesitate to email or call me. I am here for you.

Peggy

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THE MISSION OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL IS: to influence positive change in communities throughout the world.

TO DO THIS, WE: come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service.

WE FOCUS ON:

- Preparing youth and young adults for service.
- Encouraging brain safety and health.
- Supporting those who care for others.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was total perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord, help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what you are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits."

Lets' look at all that we as Pilots are doing within our own clubs and communities and if we don't "understand" or we "ain't too crazy" about what is being done...we need to step back and communicate with others to help understand the purpose/goal...and then step in and enjoy helping to make those "biscuits".

If you would like to be included on a special prayer/praise board for the GA District Pilots, do send me your email address to akersjoann@gmail.com.

On another note as a favor, If you lose one of your precious Pilot sisters or brothers, do send me a little bit about that person -how long were they a member, what sparked their interest and their passion in Pilot, etc. Also, please let me know the relationship of the loved one that is left behind. Many thanks....

JoAnn

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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</u>
Carolyn Chaplin	Winder
<u>Family</u>	
Buffi Jackson, Membership Specialist at PI Hdqrs. (Mother)	Jones Co.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 15, 2018

2017-2018 Financial Records Audit
Plans of Work
Governor's Cup

September 1, 2018

Club Budgets & Standing Rules

September 22, 2018

Georgia Artists with DisAbilities
Award Luncheon
GA Power Building, Atlanta

October 5-6, 2018

Fall Council
Hilton Atlanta Airport

February 22-23, 2019

Anchor Convention
Legacy Lodge at Lanier Islands

April 5-7, 2019

District Convention
Hilton Atlanta Northeast

July 3-7, 2019

PI Convention
Sheraton Grand Chicago



Lt. Governors

Beverly McKenna (SE)
August 22

Beth Copeland (EC)
August 22

Past Governors

Louise Shimer
August 11

Frances McKibben
August 20



Pilot Club of Jefferson's Officer Installation L-R Virginia Aultman-Director, Marion Mahaffey-Director, Cathy Huska-Corresponding Secretary, Terry Massey-President, Shirley Turner-Recording Secretary, Jean Bullock-Treasurer; June Murphy-President Elect.



Pilot Club of Carrollton installed its 2018-2019 officers. Pictured are front row: Susan Weems, Secretary; Cassie Wright, President; Kathy Gore, Treasurer. Second row: Ann-Margaret Perkins, Director; Gail Reynolds, Director; and Linda Hale, Director. Not pictured is Rosanne Godsey, President Elect.





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Pilot Club of Gainesville member Will Cain, who was one of the Team Captain's on the Hall Co. Special Olympic Basketball Team

HALL COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL TEAM CELEBRATES ITS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

– Article from Access North GA, Steven Kemp

It is not every day that a local team is celebrated as national champions but that's what happened for the Hall County Special Olympics basketball team. "It's just so awesome for everyone to play and win together," said Will Crain, a team captain.

At the ceremony in Gainesville, Head Coach Teresa Young recounted the moment as the final buzzer sounded. "When you win, as a coach, the greatest thing is seeing the parents. They cry tears of joy, of pure happiness and embrace their kids," Young said. This team never had the odds in their favor. Yet, in the face of a difficult tournament, nearly 3,000 miles away, they persevered.

That being said, this victory was not a walk in the park. At one point, Young was not sure they would be able to take home the gold. After a loss to North Carolina, the team was promoted to a more difficult bracket. After trying her best to convince organizers not to promote them, she told the team they would have to dig deep and do their best.

For Nick Nixon, the tallest member of the team, this tournament was not going as planned. According to Young, "[Nick] couldn't buy a bucket." In the last game, a rematch against a North Carolina team that had beaten them earlier, Young knew she would need Nixon down the stretch.

Through Young's encouragement and persistence, Nixon kept shooting. One shot fell, then two, then three. With Nixon's hot hand and the play of the team's sparkplug and only girl, Morgan McNeal, the team found itself crowned champion.

The Special Olympics USA Games were held in Seattle, Washington on the campus of the University of Washington



2018-2019 Pilot Club of Sweetwater officers — with Joyce Nelsen, Patricia Whatlev, Charles Whatlev, Pat Garner and Gail Smith.

Pilot Club of Hogansville, Georgia, hosted a program meeting in July that was most informative and interesting. Lori Lawrence of "Phil's Friends" came and presented a program on fidget quilts. Lori's father, Philip Lawrence, was injured in a motorcycle accident in 1972 and passed away in April, 2017. In that accident, he was paralyzed from the waist down and had very limited use of his right hand. He also lost an eye and had a plate in his head. Over the years, Lori and her mom dedicated their life to taking care of him. They never thought of him as a burden --- he was just her daddy and her mom's sweetheart. They kept him at home and took care of him. The last year of his life, Phil became somewhat "detached" and had symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's, even though he was never diagnosed as such. During those times, it was very difficult for him to concentrate on anything for an extended period of time. Working with David Marlowe from the Alzheimer's Association, Lori obtained a fidget quilt for her dad. When she got the quilt, she was told that it was the last one they had. Lori decided that she would make it her priority to see that anyone who needed a fidget quilt would get one. Using her own resources and donated supplies, Lori founded a group of women who were interested in helping her. In less than one year, Phil's Friends has donated more than 120 quilts. It is her desire to make and distribute as many as they can. The Pilot Club of Hogansville donated supplies --- fabrics, lace, ribbons, buttons, buckles, bows, zippers to be used in making these quilts. In addition, a basket has been set up for future donations. For more information on Phil's Friends, please feel free to contact Janie Dollar of the Hogansville Pilot Club at janie.dollar@gmail.com or you may call Lori directly at 770-855-9192.

L-R -- Janie Dollar, President, Pilot Club of Hogansville; Lori Lawrence, Founder of Phil's Friends



Governor Doretta installed the new 2018-2019 Pilot Club of Madison Co. Officers. From left to right: Rebecca Gusek, Sue Stone, Sandra Martin, Beth Holloway, Karen Westbrook, Jane Tippins, Linda Hazinski, Tammy Dalton, Doretta Broughton, Kathy Ferguson and Karen Fitzpatrick.



MEMBERSHIP

After getting back from the PI conference in Nashville, I've been thinking about the "take-aways." By that I mean: what did I learn this time. One thing I learned is that members, especially new members, need to feel involved in the club. Involve them. I've often not wanted to burden new members with a Pilot task. Now, I realize what looks like a burden is often a joy. Spread the joy. Be supportive. Be helpful. Be welcoming to new Pilots. Being more, doing more, and caring more is a high mountain for the greatest need in our communities. Build your force towards good. Grow another Pilot member through your mentorship.

Try these:

- Offer to take a new member to the meeting,

but don't forget to give them a ride back home, too. (Oopsies, that would kill a positive impression).

- Give a new member a position in the club.
- Call, email, text, send cards, Facebook, or use a new app such as: Instagram, MarcPolo, or "Whasup" to stay in contact.
- Let your new member know they too, can make a difference towards the good that a Pilot Club does.

As the song sings: "make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other is gold".

Wishing each of you an exciting and fun filled year of friendship and service. Remember, mentorship is membership!

Era

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GA DISTRICT SECRETARY

'Hello...again. I am delighted to be serving as the Georgia District Secretary for a 2nd time. This time under the leadership of Governor Doretta. I previously served under Governor Judy Jackson (2014-2015).

As some of you may not be aware, our elected District Secretary, Bessie Brown, PC of Macon, resigned in order to relocate to Florida where she and her husband can be closer to a family member needing her. She will transfer her membership to a club in the Florida District once she settles.

Let's keep her and her family in our prayers.

With that being said, I am hoping to gather information that is critical to me keeping accurate membership information. I will be sending an email to each club president asking that they provide (2) numbers to me...the number of club members they had on **June 30, 2018** and then number of **new members** (those who may have joined) **effective July 1, 2018**. Why is this important? We want our membership numbers to match what International has in their records as well as what our District Treasurer, Avaline Adams has in hers. You may have submitted dues for your **new** members with your annual dues payment due July 1, but

those members are new as of July 1 and how the numbers are recorded differs between those two time points. I will try and clarify the process during the year after reviewing with our district leadership.

I have recently sent the **updated DAC/DEC and Appointee lists** to each of our Lt. Governors and asked that they forward it on to each club president. If you have not received it by July 30, please send me an email at rlwgapolit@gmail.com. I will send it to you via email. It can also be found on the GA District Pilot website at www.pilotgeorgia.org.

I am confident we will have a successful year and continue to grow our district as we approach the 100th Anniversary of Pilot International. I am always available should you have any questions, and I look forward to serving the great Georgia District!!!!

Robin



<u>PILOT</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>
Mary Beth Port	Dublin
Kalee Rowland	Lavonia
Marvilyn Corbin	Covington
Tishka Huckins	Covington
Shirley Leek	Hogansville
Margie Bunch	Hogansville
Shirley Royston	Royston-FS
Diane Merritt	Royston-FS
Lauren Marie Thomas	Statesboro
Edwena Walker Rawls	Statesboro



Pilot Club of Jones Co. 2018-2019: President, Denise Partee; President Elect, Martha Ann Altman; Vice President, Julie Greene (not pictured); Recording Secretary, Wanda Wellborn; Corresponding Secretary, Fay Mathews; Treasurer, Wanda Bush; Directors: Nancy McCook, RoseAnne Fielder, Edna Murphy, Kathy Jackson and Beth Wills (not pictured).

