

Spotlighting Georgia





Meet **Katharine Banning**, Past GA District Governor, GA District Appointee, who takes care of our website and a member of the Pilot Club of Atlanta

"I was introduced to Pilot in my teens, when my mother joined the Pilot Club of Florence (Alabama District). I remember spending many nights and weekends at Pilot meetings and projects. When I was in college, Mom served as the Alabama District Governor. I was reintroduced to Pilot in 2006 when the convention was held in Atlanta. My mom introduced me to Cindy Weaver, and the rest is history! ;) I've enjoyed my time with the Pilot Club of Atlanta, and have made many friends who have become my family. I especially enjoy our projects working with Georgia Artists with DisAbilities and HERO for Children. Helping others truly does make you feel good, too!"

Katharine



Meet **Marcelle Johnson**, GA District Appointee Nominating Committee Chair and a member of the Pilot Club of Haralson County

"I was asked to visit our Haralson County Pilot Club on June 21, 2011 to see what Pilot was about by Carol Stokes! I joined that night! I have served as President 2 times of our local club! By being in Pilot you get to go to international club meetings so, I have got to see places I would not have seen. In Georgia I have got to make lots of friends! I enjoy Care giving part of our club! I have learned a lot through the leadership work Shops."

Marcelle



Meet **Sarah Young**, member of the Pilot Club of Lavonia

"I was passing a fair booth for the Pilot Club and stopped to talk to Eleanor Ragsdale about the organization. She gave me an overview of the club then asked if I could evaluate 5th grade essays focused on what they love about Lavonia (only 100 of them!) I felt like I was the only person who goes to a fair and comes home with homework. I wanted to be a part of an organization that makes a difference in its community, and Pilot does that by having a positive impact in the lives of many people."

Sarah



Meet **Wilma Rogers**, President of the Pilot Club of Lavonia

"Pilot means family to me. I was looking to meet people when I moved to Lavonia and I found Pilot! I love the projects we do and going to the conventions and meeting other Pilots. Pilot has shown me what it means to help others, to work together to accomplish our goals, and most of all to serve our community."

Wilma



Meet **Durrett Moerman** from the Pilot Club of Brunswick and the current SE Region Lt. Governor

"I was introduced to Pilot in 1977 by a dear friend who said it was the best place ever to make new friends while serving the community. She was right!! I joined and jumped in with both feet as I quickly learned a Pilot never says no. Even my husband and children became involved- helping out with projects and attending conventions. Pilot has truly brought me some amazing friendships and opportunities all over the country. It is a wonderful organization devoted to helping others - your passion becomes the club's project and projects create a positive impact not only on the community but all those giving as well."

Durrett



Meet **Dr. Julia Lucas** from the Pilot Club of Cochran

The Pilot Club of Cochran was chartered by the Pilot Club of Dublin on September 10, 1977. Julia Lucas was asked to serve as charter president.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve my community and district as charter president and four more times as president of our Pilot Club. It is such an uplifting feeling to join my Pilot sisters in serving others through projects such as Winter Wonderland Express, BrainMinders Puppert Show, and Alzheimer's Walk. I especially enjoy the camaraderie shared at District Conventions, Fall Council, and PI Conventions. I will be eternally grateful that Pilot Club found me."

Julia



Meet **Robin Williams**, member of the Peachtree Pilot Club of Atlanta and our GA District Governor-Elect

"After a couple years of hearing my sponsor, Glynice Hayes talk about Pilot, she asked if I would like to come to a meeting to do a project for the Club. That was Feb 2011. I took my pearl like beads to the meeting and the members made bracelets. We had a lot of fun that night, and in June of that year, I joined the Peachtree Pilot Club of Atlanta, Inc. I have been mentored by many Pilot sisters, and not just my beloved Peachtree.

I have always believed in service to your community, even back in the early 70's when I joined the United States Marine Corp. It was because of my military service that, with the support of our Club, I initiated the *Stand Up for Stand Down* campaign, which benefits homeless veterans. The annual event is supported by the District and by participation of Pilot and Anchor Clubs throughout the state. In the 8 years of its existence, we have collected and donated more than 35 tons of personal care items to those in need. I have worked to educate others through my civic involvement, and through Pilot, have come to meet many of our organizations leaders and had the opportunities to travel. I love going to our PI conventions and Leadership Conferences. I always come back energized.

I look forward to serving the GA District as District Governor in our 100th year. It should be a very exciting time. And as I been saying to some lately, get ready to "Celebrate Us".

Robin





Meet **Joyce Fleeman**, member of the Pilot Club of Madison County

"My Pilot story began in 1999 when two friends invited me to a Share Pilot. I joined Pilot as a way of re-connecting to my community and giving back to my community. Never did I dream that I would become so committed to Pilot. Remember, I said friends invited me to Pilot and from there my circle of friends has expanded to friends within our state and to the international level. Mentors such as past Georgia Governor Cindy Tatum of Toccoa and past Georgia Governor Helen Winstead of Statesboro encouraged me to become a leader in Pilot. Probably the two years I served as Lt. Governor of the Northeast Region were some of the best experiences I had in Pilot. Pilot gives an individual the perfect outlet for giving back, making lasting friendships, encouraging others, and developing skills for life. Thanks to Pilot and my many friends there."

Joyce



Meet **Pat Canup**, member of the Pilot Club of Lavonia and a Past GA District Governor

"I joined Pilot years ago because I liked working with people who wanted to make a difference in this world. Locally we put in lifelines for elderly and shut-ins, raised funds for the jaws of life for our community and helped with our Anchors as they developed community spirit with their projects. Working on a district level and supporting other clubs was a joy to see how important Pilot was to each community. Caring and sharing makes life so wonderful and fulfilling. Proud to be a Pilot."

Pat



Meet **Mary Jo Buxton** from the Pilot Club of Johnson County.

When asked what she enjoyed most about Pilot, Mary Jo shared, "Pilot membership is just an extension of my own Christian beliefs. I love the survivor's dinner. My father died when I was 14 from lung cancer so that is close to my heart." And just for fun, Mary Jo shared she loves all historical books and movies... Sense and Sensibility, Jane Eyre, Downtown Abbey, etc.

Mary Jo



Meet **Elaine Landers** from the Pilot Club of Newnan

"I have been a Pilot since 1999 and a very good friend invited me. My husband died of a brain tumor so I was especially interested in the brain injury part of Pilot. I love the many friends I have made in Pilot."

Elaine



Meet **Edwina Gill** from the Pilot Club of Brunswick, Past GA District Governor

"Many eons ago, lost in the annals of time, I was invited to a Pilot dinner meeting by two friends. I went, I loved the people, I loved the community projects and I didn't hear from them until six weeks later! I decided they didn't love me back. Later I learned that I had been vetted by a Membership Committee, the board and the membership - such were the rules then... After 46 years and 10 months of serving at local, district and international levels I STILL LOVE THE PEOPLE AND THE PROJECTS."

Edwina



Meet **Pat Garner**, member and Club President of the Pilot Club of Sweetwater and GA District PIFF Co-Representative

The Special Gifts from Being a Pilot

"In 1988, I had been doing community service in various groups when one fine day Patricia Whatley invited me to a meeting of the Pilot Club of Douglasville ... and I joined ... these ladies were involved in everything I cared about and they were organized! As time passed, that club closed and was reopened a few years later by none other than the illustrious Helen Winstead and incomparable Jo Farish! What a team, they pulled a club together in short order and we (Patricia Whatley, Gail Smith and me who were the core group as former members of the PC of Douglasville) jumped right in and we had 25 members at our charter in 2006! It was a "WOW" to say the least. Helen wanted the club to have a larger outreach and so we became the Pilot Club of Sweetwater. From that time until this, for me, being a Pilot has been being surrounded by caring and kind individuals ... an extended family ... helping others, helping solve problems, addressing issues in the community. All which fits my mantra perfectly. As the years have passed, I find myself using the milestones of my Pilot gatherings as points in time ... Pilot is unique in its friendships and service and I am both blessed and honored to call myself a Pilot!"

Pat



Meet **Virginia Aultman** from the Pilot Club of Jefferson County.

"I have been a Pilot Club member since the year 1982. I love what Pilot stands for, service and friendship. The fellowship we have had produced lifelong friendships with people I have grown to love and respect. I am honored to be chosen Pilot Club of Jefferson Ambassador for this year 2020."

Virginia



Meet **Angela Blizzard** from the Pilot Club of Johnson County.

"Angela shared her love of being a Pilot Club member. She likes Pilot for friendship and being able to do things for the community."

Angela

