



NOVEMBER 2021

GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

Abbreviated version during
Kirsten's Medical Absence

Hello Stars

First message of business...let's keep Kirsten in our prayers as she continues to recover from recent surgery. Her medical team is working very hard to ensure a good outcome.

In the meantime, I will send articles that were scheduled to appear in the upcoming November bulletin. We won't have all the club pictures and some of the other elements that Kirsten is most privileged to, but I will do my best to ensure you stay informed until she is ready to return. I have asked the Lt. Governors to be in touch with their regional clubs, either via email or phone calls to make sure everyone is on track.

Thank you for your understanding.

Governor's Message

Hello STARS.

I suspect many of you are still recovering from the fun times we had at Fall Council and in St. Simons. It was wonderful seeing all of you who could make it, and just know our plan is to return there next year. The weather was beautiful, the food delicious, and the Chair Aerobics...well, what can you say...according to the survey results, it was a BIG HIT and was FUN!

But now it is time to get back to business. Please make note of the following important dates for Nov.:

- Monday, **Nov 1 – Anchor Dues, Treasurers Report and Officer Forms are due to PIHQ.**
- Nov 7 – 13 is **International Care and Kindness Week**, with Saturday the 13th recognized as **World Kindness Day.**
- **Nov 15 – your club IRS 990 Forms is DUE**
- Thursday Nov 25 – 26, PIHQ offices will be closed
- And finally, **Tuesday Nov 30th – is Giving Tuesday**

You have received lots of communication about how you can give on *Giving Tuesday* from Pilot International in their multiple emails during the last couple of months. I hope you have planned to take advantage of some of the specials being offered for your generous giving efforts.

There are so many opportunities for giving, not just financially, but in the loving Pilot spirit of Friendship and Service during November. Please don't forget to send Kirsten your photos of your gatherings and events. You can also send them to Pilot International for possible inclusion in the winter edition of the Pilot Log. The address for submission is: contact@pilothonline.org.

November is also the month to begin the nomination process for District officers. Era Hall, our District Nominations Chair, is working on getting a few more committee members. Please consider working with her for your region.

Also, Durrett Moerman, our current Governor-Elect will be reaching out to firm up her Appointees for her year as Governor. Her list is due to PIHQ and our ECR Nickie Dawkins by Dec. 1. I know you will want to work with Durrett. She has such a passion for Pilot and she is so much fun to be around.

I hope everyone enjoys the Thanksgiving Holiday and that you continue to stay healthy and safe!

Governor Robin



Newsletter Competition— *Submitted by Durrett Moerman, Governor Elect*

Even though it has already been said, I want to add my thanks and appreciation for a fantastic Fall Council. Truly it was one of the most fun get-togethers I have had the joy of attending. Fall Council is a time to fellowship, visit, encourage, and share and I would say we DID! A good time was had by all.

PILOTS --- It's that time of year! You need to be readying your newsletters to submit to your Lt. Governor for our annual Georgia District Pilot Club Newsletter Awards. Club Newsletters are a great way to keep your club members informed and show potential members what you are doing. Newsletters let everyone know what's happening not only in your club, but also GA District and Pilot International. Use your newsletter to showcase what your members are doing with fun and informative articles, and pictures – as Gov Robin said “who doesn't like to see her picture in a publication!”. The district awards certificates to each of our five district regions and a grand winner certificate for the District. The judging committee has certain criteria they review for awarding points. That information can be found on the Georgia District website (www.pilotgeorgia.org) under the FORMS link; then look for the GEORGIA DISTRICT PILOT INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER COMPETITION Guidelines.

REMEMBER:

- All entries must be postmarked on or before January 5, 2022

- Send one copy of (3) consecutive newsletters dated between February 2021 and January 2022 with the entry form to your Regional Lt. Governor.

Thank you in advance for all the fun and exciting newsletters that EACH club will submit for competition. A special thanks to each editor and article submitter who took the time to make it happen. I have enjoyed reading all! If your club does not have a newsletter, please consider having you. It is an excellent opportunity for you to let the District and others know why you are excited to be in Pilot and why Pilot has been in existence for 100 years!



District Awards Competitions – Submitted by Beth Coons, Awards Committee Chair

It's that time of the year to start thinking about competing and completing the forms for our Georgia District Awards to be presented at District Convention in April. The entry forms can be found on the Georgia District Pilot website (www.pilotgeorgia.org) under the "Forms" link. The criteria for judging are also provided for each award.

The following **Georgia District Awards** forms are to be postmarked no later than **February 5, 2022**.

- Ann Adams Attendance
- Edwina Gill Growth
- Nancy Henrick Friendship and Service
- Vivian Hartman Memorial

The original forms need to be mailed to:

Beth Coon, Awards Jury Chair
135 Ridgecrest Place
Gray, GA 31032

Copies of the entry forms may be mailed or emailed to the Governor, Governor Elect and Region Lt. Governor, but as noted above, the original must be mailed to the Awards Jury Chair.

I wish you and yours a very blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season!



Inspirational Message – Submitted by JoAnn Akers, District Inspirational Leader

As we prepare to baste the turkey, mash the potatoes, whip up those fancy pies and all of the other preparations that go into celebrating Thanksgiving Day, let us pause and remember to give thanks for our families, friends, co-workers, and all those folks that we come in contact with ...even the grocery clerks and the fast food workers!

I have a special wish that I wish to give each of you and it is from the pen of Ralph Waldo Emerson.....

This is my wish for you. Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, love to complete your life.

May each of you have a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving season and don't eat too much turkey!



Nominations Committee - Submitted by Era Hall, Nominations Committee Chair

Finding the Future: GA District Officer Nominations 2021-2022

It is time to think about nominations for the leadership positions in our Georgia District Pilot International Club. There are many talented leaders in our clubs. We will need a strong committee to pace them through the Nomination process. It is not difficult. As a matter of fact, I read a wise quip on a wall one day that reminded me of the process that PI has set for leadership roles in our Georgia District; "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

A nominee merely needs to: get a nomination letter from a Pilot Club, accept the nomination in a written letter to the nominating club, fill out the officer nomination form, get a reference or two, and tell how he/she will contribute to Pilot International's mission and goals. Then, the nominating committee members, one from each the five regions in Georgia Pilot Club Districts, will help find nominees for offices where needed, review the forms, check references, and assure Pilots of Georgia that the nominees for officers meet all qualifications to lead our district.

Have you ever served in a leadership role or officer within our organization? What is stopping you from considering a role this coming Pilot year? If you have not considered filling a leadership role in the District Administrative Council (DAC), there is no better time than now to consider "Being More" for our Georgia District Pilots.

Any goal worthwhile does require hard effort, but it's all a piece of cake, one step at a time, you could do this! It promises to be a blast in joining to find the Georgia District Pilot Club future!



Membership Division – Submitted and written by Linda Miller, Membership Co-Chair

What is Pilot without its members?

A gathering of jugglers and inept bumblers?
Seen scattered in the community
Without that all necessary unity.

But what is Pilot with its membership?

A strong group with directed stewardship.
Seen in our communities as beacons of hope
In times of need and disaster
To help all types of people cope.

Members banded together DO MORE

As a group in fundraising
To support its needs in the local area,
As a circle forming projects
And carrying them out with principle and caring.

Members CARE MORE

Circling, protecting, and even nurturing

Its own and others when blue.
Finding new ways to assist
While keeping up with the tried and true.

Members can BE MORE together
As models in the communities
Through their projects in hospitals,
Schools, businesses, and throughout cities.

How can we attract those (3 to 5 net) new members
Our new PI president Collett has challenged?
Be alert to prospective new members everywhere,
In your family, friends, coworkers,
In those active in your community over there,
Where you do service projects or fundraisers.

How do we invite and involve them with Pilot?
Certainly a well planned "share Pilot" will gather them and give
A good overview of Pilot with examples from your club of Pilots,
Be prepared to answer a simple question,
But also direct to the Pilot website
for those who find seeing is the answer to the question.

How do we keep those new members?
Mentor them to bring them into the fold,
Maybe pick them up for the first couple meetings,
Work with them in fundraisers and projects,
Send them reminders and call with follow ups after meetings.

How do we keep those long-standing members who
Maybe need to slow down and become long-sitting members?
Honor them in some special way,
Cherish their opinions and memories of early Pilot.
Meet their changing needs and situation, let's say.

How do we retrieve members who have dropped out?
Collett has a goal of making it easy to locate them through PIHQ.
Then accommodate their changes as you draw them back into the club.
Treat them as long-standing members to honor their return to new quarters.

Remember that FRIENDSHIP and SERVICE are key,
From the oldest to the newest members we all agree.
So, make all aspects of membership a priority,
As you foster your wonderful Pilot sorority.

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Georgia Artists with DisAbilities Update – Submitted by JoAnn Akers

Even though things had to be different this year...the virtual GAWD art exhibition was a huge success and so many artists expressed their thanks for finding a way for them to participate and exhibit their works. Judging is complete and now the winning art pieces are on a year long state wide tour. If the tour is in your area, please do find time to visit and enjoy all of the beautiful works done by these artists.

October 1 - December 13, 2021: Colquitt County Arts Center; Moultrie

January 3 - February 3, 2022: Carrollton Center for the Arts, Carrollton

February 7 - March 1, 2022: Madison County Library, Danielsville

March 3 - March 31, 2022: Marlor House Allied Arts, Milledgeville

April 1 - April 28, 2022: Jasper County Library, Monticello

May 2 - May 27, 2022: Nancy Guinn Memorial Library, Conyers

June 2 - June 28, 2022: Ritz Theatre Gallery, Brunswick

July 5 - August 2, 2022: Green County Library, Greensboro