



### 2021 – 2022 DAC/DEC

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### GOVERNOR ROBIN'S MESSAGE

In this month's edition of our Governor's Bulletin, I would typically talk about our up-coming **2021-2022 District Convention**, but some of our plans have not yet been finalized. Your DAC/DEC was unable to meet for mid-year planning prior to the publication of this edition because of the storm weather conditions the weekend of Jan 15th, but I promise that the registration form will be coming out in a couple of days. Your DAC/DEC will be meeting on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, at Callaway Resort Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens for the site visit and to review our convention plans and financial obligations.

**This year we will also offer members the opportunity to pay their registration via PayPal.** Because the district cannot absorb the fees associated with PayPal payments, there will be a minimal convenience fee should you decide to pay using the PayPal link which will also be on the district website.

Our Convention is a little earlier this year, April 1-3, 2022. A hotel reservation link will be on our website, [www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org) under the Conventions tab soon. Our contract indicates the room fee for this year will be \$165.00/night before taxes and fees. (8% State Tax, 5% Local Lodging Tax and \$5 State Hotel/Motel Fee per night). Resort check-in time is 4:00pm and the price is guaranteed (3) days prior to and following our convention.

Your DAC (District Administrative Committee) plan to offer **Club Officer Training** as part of our Saturday workshops and strongly encourage current and incoming club officers to be in attendance for convention. And of course, we all look forward to Durrett's Installation Banquet on Saturday evening. You will read more about Durrett's plans elsewhere in this edition.

**In Other News...** Congratulations to the **PC of Haralson County** and **PC of Monroe** for being awarded Helmet Grants this last quarter.

Please don't forget your **Pacesetter, 250 Club and \$250 Member Contributions** are due to Pilot International by **Feb 1<sup>st</sup>** in order to be recognized at our Convention.

I can share with you information about the **2021-2022 Pilot International Convention**, being held in Rochester NY, June 29-July 2, 2022. The Pilot International Administrative Committee had a conference call on Jan 18, 2022, when President Collett announced some of the details. A more formal announcement will be made in the PIHQ News, and Pilot Log, Winter Edition which will be published soon, but here is what I can share.

- Registration - \$350.00 (deadline 5/31/22) Early Bird Registration \$325.00 (deadline 3/31/22)
- Co Pilot Registration \$250.00 (deadline 5/31/22) Early Bird Registration \$225 (deadline 3/31/22)
- Hotels – The Hyatt Regency and Hilton Garden Inns - \$177.00 per night (includes all taxes and fees) Deadline to guarantee that rate will be June 3, 2022
- Parking rates at the hotel are \$5.00 per day
- There will be complimentary shuttle service from the airport on the half hour for our attendees, but an UBER drive is \$15.00
- There will be (2) fabulous Fundraising events Thursday and Friday evening (More to come)
- There will be an opportunity for a trip to Niagara Falls (US side) on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>
- There will be an opportunity for clubs and districts to vend at Market Place/EXPO (more to come about this, but I believe you will be very pleased with the pricing - \$50 – 200)

I look forward to seeing all of you in April.

*Governor Robin*





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



February is the month that we celebrate Valentine's Day! Did you notice that the day after Christmas, stores were busy putting up red hearts and candy! Let me share a wee message about Love that my mom gave to me several years ago...just let the words resonate within you!

The Mystery of Love

Love makes you feel special. It changes everyone for the better. It is the one commodity that multiplies when you give it away. The more you spread it around, the more you are able to hang on to it because it keeps coming back to you. Where love is concerned, it pays to be an absolute spendthrift. It cannot be bought nor sold, so give it away! Splash it all over! Empty your pockets! Shake the basket! Turn it upside down! Shower it on everyone - even those who don't deserve it! You may startle them into behaving in a way you never dreamed possible. Not only is it the sweet mystery of life. It is the most powerful motivator known to humankind.

So spread love around and watch it come back to you! Happy Valentine's Day to each of you.

JoAnn

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MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT



First and foremost I want to express my grateful appreciation for the support and encouragement that I have received as I prepare for my year as Governor of the Georgia District. Everyone has been wonderful in answering questions and lending advice. I can't wait to see what is in store for all of us.

My favorite movie is "It's a Wonderful Life" with Jimmy Stewart. If you have not seen it, consider watching it. He thinks his life has been for nothing, that he never did anything worthwhile, and that he never accomplished anything. An angel, in answer to his prayer wishing he had never been born, shows him how every aspect of his life affected someone else's. It is the same with all of us. A smile to a stranger is a bright spot in his day, a thank you to a clerk is what she needs to keep working, a note to a friend lifts her up, a flower in a vase brings a smile to all of us, tea with a co-worker makes the afternoon go faster. Our projects make that same difference with dinner to first responders, a wheel chair for a child who has never been able to get around, a swing for the new playground. Our friendship with other Pilots makes a difference every time we pick up the phone to call or meet to work on a project. All that being said, my theme for this year is "Making a Difference" and I am using the starfish as my emblem. I am asking you to join me in April as I am installed as the 2022-2023 Georgia District Governor and again at the 2022 Annual Convention & Leadership Conference, June 29-July 2 in Rochester NY. Let's plan now to make a difference in our club, in our District, and in our community as we start fresh July 1, 2022.

At District Convention, our first workshops will be for officers and those aspiring to be in leadership. We are offering an officer

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Lt. Governor (for your region)



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

Table with 2 columns: Pilot, Club. Lists names like Carolyn Guest, Merlene Burgess, Shirley King, Joyce Daniel, Patricia Cooke and their respective clubs.

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training program outlining responsibilities and expectations. It is an opportunity for all of us to learn and to create a difference in what we do. Please consider sending as many of your club members as possible to attend. Other workshops will include our regular committees and of course, our Regional Lt Governors. As Robin has stated we have many fun and exciting things on the agenda.

Pilots are making a difference wherever they are found. It is through strong commitment of service and fellowship that we touch so many lives. Let us all meet at Callaway Gardens April 1, 2, 3, for fellowship and service ready to make a difference in this New Year with a path yet tried!!

Durrett

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Past Governors

Grace Crittenden
(2015-2016)
Feb. 8

Melodie Smith
(1997-1998)
Feb. 8

Esther Foster
(2010-2011)
Feb. 20





GA ECR NICKI'S MESSAGE

We have crossed the halfway point of our Pilot year and are getting super excited about what the rest of the year has to offer! Did you get a chance to watch the Power Hour and hear all about our upcoming convention? If not, there is a replay available and keep an eye out for the all the details that are forthcoming in the next few weeks. After a weekend of planning your Executive Committee is busy getting new training opportunities ready, preparing for all of the convention aspects and planning to sprinkle some fun in between it all! In the meantime, here are some reminders about upcoming events...

**Anchors, Compass, and Pilots, Oh My!** We continue to have growth in all three levels of our organization, both individually and in clubs. Keep an eye out for our monthly publications as we continue to announce those that are joining our wonderful organization. Now is also the time to start encouraging one and all to review our grants and scholarships pages. Our next grant deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup> and most of our scholarships have the same deadline, so now is the time to start getting your forms and items together to apply. We also have our Dreams Ahead Award that both Anchors and Compass Club members are eligible to apply for and that deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>!

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/>

**BrainMinders Month:** Keep in mind March is BrainMinders month and now is the time to start planning. It is a great time to highlight your club as well as BrianMinders and the Helmet People. Our website has a lot of information including videos, handouts, and activities that can assist your club in planning an event whether big or small. Maybe you host a BRAIN-O night at a facility, reminding others about brain safety even for adults. There are great BrainMinders skits and info if you want to sponsor an event, or help another organization incorporate these important life skills into the lives of our children. If you like to help with bike and helmet related events, the Helmet People not only have stickers, but also have great activity sheets that are a great way to help get info out about safety while riding!

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**Brain Awareness Week:** March 14<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup> is Brain Awareness week, so be sure to pass the word in your communities to encourage others to be brain smart and if able, plan an event that week. This is always a great opportunity to involve young people through Anchor and Compass to get to know and work with your Club! Be sure to post pictures and/or send them to [communications@pilothq.org](mailto:communications@pilothq.org) so we can share around the world what we are doing to help bring awareness to such an important aspect of all of our lives.

Again, we are super excited about what is right around the corner for our organization. This is always an exciting time as we receive applications for grants, scholarships and awards, as we continue convention planning and focus on one of our greatest missions, Brain Safety! Best wishes in all endeavors and we look forward to seeing everyone's successes!

Nicki

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Welcome New Members

PILOT	CLUB NAME
Jennifer Johnson	Ocilla-Irwin
Colleen Armstrong	Chatsworth
Patricia Denmark	Macon
Kathy Smith	Macon
Cynthia Pitts	Macon



Carrollton Pilots PG Judy Jackson and Club President Deborah Wilson served as hosts at the Georgia Artists with Disabilities exhibition at the Carrollton Center for the Arts on January 6. The exhibition will be on display through February 3.



“CELEBRATING TOUCHING LIVES... ONE AT A TIME”

“Touching 100 Lives”

How is your club doing “Touching 100 Lives” so far this Pilot year? If you need ideas to reach your goal you can go to the PI website and click on the on “Touch 100 Lives” and there is a long list. There are also some ideas for “Sharing the Warmth in the Dec. ’21 Governor’s bulletin. There are a lot of needs in these colder months in our communities.

Also, Valentine’s Day is coming! Our club sends Valentine cards to all the residents in our 3 nursing homes. Previous to Covid, we decorated their doors with Valentines. The Pilot Club of Houston, MS thanks their local Veterans with a VFW card shower called “Valentines for Vets” – that’s a great idea!

Also, as Spring comes we need to get our BrainMinder puppets out showing our children about brain safety and distributing the helmets available from Pilot International.

Good luck reaching your goal! See you at the Spring Convention!

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**THE MISSION OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL IS:** Pilot International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 24, 2022**

Lynda Goodwin Volunteer Scholarship & GPF Scholarship due to:  
Faye Worthen (GPF Rep.)  
2461 Browns Chapel Rd.  
Union Point, GA 30669  
CC: Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

**January 24, 2022**

District Officer Nomination Form due to:  
Era Hall (Dist. Nominating Chair)  
124 E 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Savannah, GA 31045

**January 24, 2022**

GA District Anchor Scholarship Due to:  
Mary Turner (Anchor Coordinator)  
417 Elm St.  
Elberton, GA 30635

**January 25, 2022**

Deadline for Anchor Convention Registration

**February 1, 2022**

2021-2022 Anchor Club of the Year & 2021-2022 Community Service Award due to:  
Beth Coons (Awards Jury Chair)  
135 Ridgecrest Place  
Gray, GA 31032

**February 1, 2022**

**Pacesetter & 250 Club Contributions** are due to PI Hqds., if you want to be recognized at District Convention.

**February 5, 2022**

District Awards due to:  
Beth Coons (Awards Jury Chair)  
135 Ridgecrest Place  
Gray, GA 31032

**February 25-27, 2022**

GA District Anchor Convention  
Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange

**April 1-3, 2022**

GA District Convention  
Callaway Gardens  
Pine Mountain, GA

**June 29 – July 2, 2022**

2022 Annual Convention & Leadership Conference  
Hyatt Regency  
Rochester, NY



All Forms are on the GA District Website under Forms [www.pilotgeorgia.org](http://www.pilotgeorgia.org)



Covington members created snack packs and delivered them to the staff at the hospital.



Pilot Club of Adel's Crazy Sock Day says "chicken feet".



Pilot Club of Dublin members Sherry Mangum and Sherrie Atterholt helped Salvation Army distribute toys and meals



Christmas meeting with Pilots from PC of Atlanta & Peachtree Pilot Club



PC of Madison Co. Pilots look forward to providing a traditional Christmas dinner and gifts for the clients at Fine Finish in Danielsville! Pictured Pilots Linda Hazinski, Tammy Dalton, Pam Higgins and President Karen with Director of Fine Finish

