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GOVERNOR DURRETT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas Pilots!!

What a wonderful time of the year and what a super fantastic Fall Council we had at Sea Palms. If you were unable to come for any reason, you missed a fun time of fellowship and laughter. Our survey reviews were filled with great compliments. Our DEC and convention chairs thank you. Everyone worked hard and totally appreciates your comments.

Our theme for this year is Pilots Making A Difference. During our Fall Council we asked that you nominate someone in your club that you felt made a real difference not just once in awhile but all year. You nominated tons! Here are a few: Vivian Beasley leads us with prayer and joke and is always is there when you call and ask. Glynice Hayes always takes time to listen. Lynnette Turns allowed an elderly lady to live with her for eight months while healing from surgery. Lynn Warren is ready and willing to take a new Pilot under her wing explaining and encouraging. The entire Lavonia Club reaching out to the community to build a Park for those with disabilities – sharing the Pilot name. Vivian Beasley decorates tables at every meeting lifting up the club and encouraging the members. Edwina Gill always has an encouraging word saying "you've got this and we are behind you" even when you know you don't. Tammy Manus was disabled with Covid for many months but still managed to lead her club and continued the Pilot spirit throughout her recovery. The Peachtree Pilot Club touches lives through their spirit and uplifting attitude. AND SO MANY MORE! You do Make A Difference! Be prepared to nominate and share again at District Convention.

Lots and lots going on December. It is perhaps the busiest time of the year for the average family. All are busy decorating at home or work, baking, cooking for family or others, wrapping presents, shopping. This is all started with one man making a difference. Think about it. Regardless of your beliefs, we have this day, this season due to one man who showed his love and service to others. What better example do we as Pilots have in sharing our friendship and service to others. Sometimes it is simply a smile to lift someone up, a note to someone who is down, a quarter in the bucket of the Salvation Army that turns into groceries or clothes. Sometimes it is asking for a large donation for a park that brings smiles to literally hundreds of people, handling a race with many people participating all in good cheer encouraging each other, treating the teachers, caregivers, first responders with a surprise dinner. You never know when you are changing someone's life with the gift of giving. Be ready to give your laughter, your joy, your love of Pilot.

December is also a busy month for Pilots as clubs adopt a family in need, prepare a tree for lighting in honor of loved ones, ride in parade, and dance a jingle. It is also the month we look toward nominating our new DEC. Remember NO term is for two years. Everyone must be nominated for 2023-2024, except your Gov-Elect. If your club member has done an outstanding job in her role on the DEC and you want her to continue, then nominate her for a second term! Every nominee should be nominated by her home club. It is a tremendous recommendation for another club to nominate a Pilot, but if her own club does not nominate her, how does that make you think? Be mindful of the qualifications for each office. If you are unsure, please contact Jayne Lackey for answers.

A very Merry Christmas to all – may you be filled with the joy of the season and the laughter of young and old alike waiting in anticipation and most of all, *be filled with the glorious love of our Lord* who came to this earth as a new born babe to give us this day and every day!!!

Durrett





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



During this Holiday Season, three holidays share the significance of candles and light. When you light a candle in a dark room at night, oh you can see so much more. Light makes a difference according to where and how it is used.

Christmas, a candle, is a mirror of starlight and is a symbol representing the Star of Bethlehem. The star guided the Magi to the stable where Jesus was born. Jesus is called "the Light of the World" by Christians. This might have started the custom of the Advent Candles. Also, the Christmas trees were decorated with candles to light up the tree before electric tree lights were invented.

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights in Judaism, the Jewish people revolted against the Greeks, won, and liberated Jerusalem where they could worship in their Temple. The celebration began by lighting the menorah with only one day's worth of oil, which miraculously lasted eight days. Modern-day Jewish families recite blessings and light candles on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah.

Kwanzaa, a unity celebration of people displaced during the African dispersion, where one candle of the kinara candle holder is lit over seven nights. This represents a tree of life and serves as a reminder of people's ancestors. The seven candles represent seven principles (values) and focuses on one value every night.

Our light as Pilots can create excitement and strength that helps bring happiness and encouragement to fade the darkness to the lives we touch and serve. We all are the light of the world and need to let our light glow daily.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy Kwanzaa,



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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.

Pilot	Club
Martha Mitchell	Toccoa

Pilot/Family	Club
Ann Hunt (Mother)	Toccoa
Helen Fay Lewis (Son)	Carrollton
Janis Stallings (Brother)	Carrollton



Past Governors

Judy Jackson
(2014-2015)
Dec. 17

Gail Sharber
(2012-2013)
Dec. 21

Katharine Banning
(2017-2018)
Dec. 30

Lt. Governors

Angela Gillis
(NW Region)
Dec. 9

Sandy Jarrett
(SE Region)
Dec. 20



Pilot Club of Greene County showed their appreciation of the county school bus drivers. At the meeting on November 19th the members prepared goodie bags for the bus drivers to thank them and let them know they are appreciated. We all had fun preparing the bags. Since the school was out the week of Thanksgiving, the bags were delivered by club member, Sherley Selman, on November 30th.

Pictured l to r – Director Gwendolyn Weaver, Club member Sherley Selman and receptionist Audrey Peek



NE District Platter Chatter Luncheon for Nov/Dec was held at Hilltop Grill in Athens on Nov. 30th. We were delighted to have members from EC Region and our Governor and her travel companion all the way from SE District to join us for fun and conversation. A raffle was held with items provided by members of Classic City Pilot Club. All proceeds from raffle go to GPF.





MESSAGE FROM OUR ECR

Happy Holidays to all of you!

This is a time of the year when we look back and are thankful for the many friends we have had for years and the many new friendships we have made. The rich and deep friendships made from being Pilot International members are forever friendships. We also reflect on the many worthwhile projects, whether they were fundraisers or community service projects, that we participated in within our Pilot clubs or districts or perhaps collectively at our International Leadership Conference. How accomplished do you feel? Giving back is everything. We give back because we have been given so much. We pour our hearts out to our communities because that's what we do. THIS IS PILOT.

GIVING TUESDAY

There is still time to contribute to Giving Tuesday. It has been an enormous success once again. Every penny of these monies contributed from Giving Tuesday will be placed in the Goals for Grants and Scholarships fund. The fund enables our clubs and districts to achieve their goals better and allows our youth to achieve theirs. Speaking of grants, don't forget to apply for a Pick Me Up Grant or a Matching Helmet Grant. The next deadline to submit a grant application is December 15th.

This is also the time to stretch yourself and step up to a leadership role within your club and district. Do it; don't be afraid! You will be rewarded in ways that you never imagined. I can personally attest that serving at the district and international levels is life changing! You have the opportunity to make significant differences in the lives of so many and the amazing people you meet make you appreciate what Pilot service is all about. Many clubs and districts recycle their officers because not enough members will step up and take the opportunity to serve in a leadership role. Let this not be the case for your club and district. You will be richly rewarded.

President Rhona's membership challenge is coming close to reaching its goals for Compass and Anchor, and new clubs are being chartered. This is exciting!! Let's get it done for our Pilot membership. We have grown considerably but have a ways to go. For every new member you sponsor, your name will be placed in a drawing to fly down to Albuquerque, NM, for the 2023 International Balloon Festival in October 2023 or a \$500.00 cash prize.

Continue #Spreading Pilot Sunshine, and thank you for making a difference with your selfless volunteering, one person at a time. Thankful to serve your district. Enjoy your holiday season to the fullest!

My best wishes for an enjoyable holiday and a wonderful new year,

Susan

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ANCHORS...MAKING A DIFFERENCE

During this holiday season, I give thanks for each of you, for Anchor Youth Leadership and for Pilot. What a blessing it is to work together to learn and grow in spreading rays of sunshine to make a difference in our communities.

February is just right around the corner. I trust that each Pilot Club is already in action with encouraging your Anchor Clubs to plan, promote and fundraise to attend the annual Georgia District Anchor Convention to be held at Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange, Georgia on February 24-26, 2023. We also invite you, as Pilots, to join us as well. Anchors-Neon 80's is the theme this year, so you may want to include a few colorful items in your wardrobe over the holidays to sport during the Friday night welcome session! Pilots, consider collecting soda tabs to give to your local Anchor Clubs to bring to convention to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The Anchor Club with the most tabs collected will be recognized. Convention is a BLAST... fun, friendship, networking, and educational. It is the place to be! Registration forms are on the website, so please feel free to go ahead and register and reserve your rooms at Great Wolf! Convention registration forms are available on the website and the deadline in January 25, 2023.

One area Anchors expressed convention could be improved is more time at the Waterpark. I have encouraged our Anchor Advisors to consider planning ahead for extra time with early arrivals to Anchor Convention on Friday and/or extended stay on Sunday to accommodate additional water park time. The water park does have showers and dressing rooms which are available prior to check in and even after check-out time on Sunday. Something to consider.

Anchor is offering both digital and traditional methods of scrapbooking this year. Guidelines have been established and sent to advisors and are available on the Anchor website, along with convention registration, convention guidelines, Know Before You Go, and district officer nomination forms. Please encourage your Anchors to take on the challenge to step up and lead!

If you have not yet invested in an Anchor or Anchor Club by inviting them to a meeting or event or supporting the club in some way, please consider taking the time to do so. It can be very rewarding to build these relationships.

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."-John C. Maxwell

Your input and feedback regarding Georgia District Anchor Youth Leadership is always welcome. Please feel free to contact me at tdalton12967@gmail.com or call me at 706-614-6144.

Anchored in Service,

Tammy

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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.



IT'S TIME TO PUT THE "FUN" BACK INTO FUNDRAISING

Can your club do a "Make and Take" Fundraiser?

What a great Fall Council! I hope someone from your club was able to attend last month. During the meeting, we had a fundraising session on how to do a "Make and Take" fundraiser. A "Make and Take" fundraiser is an event where people come to learn how to make something or gain a skill. The participants pay a fee that covers the cost of the materials and an extra amount for the fundraiser. During Fall Council, we held a sample "Make and Take" event. We made a motivational chalk sign. Not only are these events easy to hold, but they are also a lot of fun for the club to host. "Make and Take" events are also a great place to meet prospective members, in a low-key atmosphere. What a fun way to get to know prospective members and get them excited about the events you do in your club!

I know that not everyone may be crafty, but there are so many different "Make and Take" ideas. Your members have so many hidden talents that can be shared in a fundraising event. Here are just a few of the ideas that clubs shared with me that they plan to try over the next few months: Basic sewing (button application, hemming), Cookie decorating, Christmas ornaments, Wreath decorating, Door signs, Jewelry making and Painting. Find something that your club would enjoy and make it an event. The sky is the limit!

Brainstorm as a club and challenge each other on what are the hidden talents of members that would make a great "Make and Take" fundraiser. Let me know how I can help and when you schedule your events. I would love to attend; I am always wanting to learn new things!

Tammy

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Peachtree Pilot Club teamwork makes the dream work!
We worked together to sponsor a few Angels from the 2022 Salvation Army Angel Tree at Georgia Power Headquarters. Thank you club members!



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 31, 2022

Q2 Club Report
Copy to: Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

January 15, 2023

Newsletter Competition
Copy to your Region Lt. Gov.

January 24, 2023

District Officer Nomination Form
Due to: Jayne Lackey
District Nominating Chair
P.O. Box 562
Ila, GA 30647

January 24, 2023

2023 GPF Anchor Scholarship
Due to: Faye Worthen
GPF Representative
2461 Browns Chapel Rd.
Union Point, GA 30669

January 24, 2023

2023 GA District Anchor Scholarship
Due to: Tammy Dalton
Anchor Coordinator
P.O. Box 916
Danielsville, GA 30633



All Forms are on the GA District Website under Forms
www.pilotgeorgia.org



Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

- Paulette Joseph Henson Bogas (Newnam)
- Lavonne Lockwood (reinstated) (Oconee Co.)
- Tammy Gilland (Oconee Co.)
- Lynn Smith (Oconee Co.)

