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GOVERNOR DURRETT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! and welcome 2023 where exciting and wonderful things are in store for you!

2022 is history – over – cannot change. Tomorrow is a surprise – unknowing – unopen. Today is the present – an opportunity – a gift. Use today to make your life and those around you better. What opportunity is in front of you to make a difference to a neighbor, to a stranger, to your club, to Pilot International?

Perhaps it is to run for office!?? Jayne is looking for nominations to be rolling in shortly. Will it be you? Another member? Take a moment and review the qualifications for holding District office (Gov.-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Lt Gov. of your region). Yes, all positions are open! Are you qualified, someone in your club, another member you know? Then step up, make a difference, and nominate! Jayne gave an excellent presentation at Fall Council on running for office and the nominee information has been given to every president. What a wonderful opportunity to be part of the leadership team that continues to develop our District and encourage our membership.

Our year is half over, but not half finished. This is the time to look at your projects, check your fund raising budget and make adjustments as needed. All of you have done excellent jobs making a difference this year with your generous outpourings of giving to your communities and those who need you. As well it is not too early to reevaluate your policies and procedures and standing rules for next year. Your DEC will be doing the same at their mid-year planning meeting. Review where you are and where you want to be.

I am so proud to be part of such a special group. Each of you continues to amaze with your projects, your contributions, your fellowship, your love of each other and your community. 2023 is a New Year, a new beginning – remember the Lord does not limit us to one day of the New Year, but gives us a new beginning each and every time we ask.

Ask for opportunities! Keep on Making A Difference!

Durrett



January 24, 2023

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

Form is attached





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



Georgia District, Pilot International 2022-23 Memorial Forms need to go to:

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GA District Governor
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Glynice Hayes
Inspirational Leader
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Lt. Governor (for your region)



A bright, shiny new year, empty, neat, pristine, waiting, ready for us to get it right. Another chance to love and forgive. Another chance to make a real effort to give more than we get. Another chance to make a difference. A good new year. A Happy New Year!

By Joanna Fuchs



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

Table with 2 columns: Pilot/Family and Club. Rows include Lynn Lightsey Smith (Oconee Co.), Linda Chapman (Gainesville).

Past Governors

Nancy Henrick (1990-1991) Jan. 8

Gwen Yarbrough (2007-2008) Jan. 10

Sherry McDuffie (1996-1997) Jan. 29

Governor-Elect

Avaline Adams Jan. 3



Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

- Michelle Kolf (Chatswoth)
Lizz Harrison (Toccoa)
Amy Peacock (Jones Co.)
Nicki Ash (Jones Co.)
Tracey Cox (Ocilla-Irwin)

Pilots, I hope you have a wonderful New Year and keep looking up.

Glynice

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Pilot Club International chooses a Care & Kindness Week in November for clubs to show special thanks to their local communities.

Pilot Club of Chatsworth chose to deliver Subway cookies to the nine active fire stations in Murray County, Chatsworth, and Eton. Members delivered 14 dozen cookies to over 90 firemen on November 9.

Fire Chiefs Dewayne Bain of Murray County, Mike Baxter of Chatsworth, and Brian Flood of Eton were kind to allow the members of the Pilot Club of Chatsworth to deliver cookies during working hours. We appreciate it!

Pilots truly enjoyed spreading Friendship & Service to all these hard-working firemen who not only fight fires, but also help in many community projects such as helmet safety programs for children, tours, visiting schools, and many other activities. Pilots appreciate their constant help and concern for community needs.



Each year we display our safety light tree in downtown Eastman to remind everyone to slow down during the holidays to prevent accidents. IT is displayed just before Thanksgiving and taken down after the New Year holiday weekend. This project was started by Pilot Bertie Mae Garrett many years ago. She was the first president of our club when it was chartered.





MESSAGE FROM OUR ECR

Happy New Year! A new year brings celebrations, fresh starts, and new beginnings. Stand tall and celebrate your own talents. When someone approaches you to serve on the District level, do not assume that someone else will do it. Ask questions about the responsibilities and the role of the position, rather than just saying no. You may be surprised that the position is not as daunting as you may have thought it was. So step up and serve your District with pride, accept your nomination or appointment and instill fresh, new ideas for the 2023-2024 Pilot year! After accepting the nomination, District Officer candidates will need to complete paperwork 60 days prior to District Convention.

March 15, 2023 is an important date in the Pilot books! Circle it on your calendar. It is the deadline for the 2023 Scholarship Applications and a quarterly deadline for Helmet and Pick Me Up Grant Applications. The Pilot International Founders Fund awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students seeking an education in one of Pilot's focus areas. Several scholarships are awarded to students that have been active Anchors during their high school career. For more information and the applications, go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/>

Pacesetters, 250 Clubs, and 250 Members are recognitions that Pilot International uses to identify clubs and members for their financial generosity. To be recognized as a Pacesetter Club, the club donates \$10 per member. To be recognized as a 250 Club or 250 Member, the club or member has to contribute at least \$250 to the Grants and Scholarships Fund. All contributions must be postmarked by February 1 to be recognized at District Conventions. Go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/Contribution-Form-Writeable.pdf> for a writable contribution form.

Best wishes for an awesome 2023 as we embark on a new and exciting year of friendship and service!

In Pilot friendship and service,

Susan

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Madison Co. Pilot Karen Westbrook delivered birthday cards and balloons to six residents at Comer Health & Rehabilitation with a December birthday. Stephanie Rucker, Activities Director accepts the cards and balloons. Happy birthday and Merry Christmas!



ANCHORS...MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As we prepare for the holidays, end out 2022 and look to the New Year, please keep in mind the opportunity to invest in your Anchors and local Anchor Club with your time, talent, and support.

Georgia District Anchor Convention is quickly approaching us February 24-26, 2023 at Great Wolf Lodge in Lagrange, GA. The theme is Anchor... Neon 80's. Registration remains open thru January 25, 2023 and we invite Pilots to come join in on the fun, growth and friendship of Anchor. Go back a bit in time and dress 80's for Friday evening! Anchors are planning for two service projects to include soda tab collections for Ronald McDonald House. We ask that the clubs bring in their tabs in gallon jugs labeled with the club name. A second project for convention is the GA District Anchor Helmet Project in which Anchors will be decorating helmets to take to local children's hospitals to distribute. Anchors have raised a bit over \$300 to purchase 25 helmets and have submitted for a PI Helmet Matching Grant which should provide an additional 25 to total 50 helmets, if awarded. If you wish to be a part of this project, please let me know as we could use more helmets. Pilots, don't miss out on the fun...if you are unable to attend the entire weekend and can only make Saturday events, that is fine too. Registration forms and information for room reservations are attached for your convenience, but are also available on the GA District Pilot website under the Anchor tab.

This is the time of year to encourage your Anchors to run for a GA District office. Your guidance and direction can help build future leaders. Your efforts do make a difference. Requirements and details are on the website. Cheer your Anchors on to enter for awards. There are several that will be awarded during convention. All are posted on the GA District Pilot website under the Anchor tab. If they do not enter, they will not win!

Anchor scholarship application deadlines are set for January 24, 2023 for both Georgia District Anchor Scholarships and GA Pilot Foundation (GPF) Scholarships. Please note that each Pilot Club that sponsors an Anchor Club may only submit one application for the GPF scholarship. Applications forms are attached and are posted on our GA District Pilot website under the Anchor tab.

Pilot Presidents, I ask that you check in with your Anchor Clubs to ensure that both Ga District and International Anchor dues have been paid, separate checks to separate entities, as they were due November 1, 2022. We have several clubs that have not yet paid. If dues are not paid and requests are not submitted to hold charters, then clubs are considered inactive. Also if you are aware of any changes in Anchor Advisors in your clubs, please also share this information so that we have current contact information.

Anchor Cords will soon be available to order for our graduating Seniors, at no cost. Look for more information from International to come. If a club is not in good standing with dues paid, the cords will be \$8 each.

Your efforts and investment in Anchor are very much appreciated. You have opportunities to touch and mold lives that will positively impact our youth for the remainder of their lives as you Do More, Care More and Be More as role models within your communities.

I welcome your thoughts, ideas, and feedback. Please feel free to contact me at any time to share.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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



"FISHING FOR MEMBERSHIP"



It is hard to believe that it is now 2023! As we start the New Year, it will be helpful to look back on events & happening in your Pilot Club in 2022. Especially in the membership division, it is time to reevaluate the clubs progress in retention of members. Someone once asked, 'When does retention of members begin? Answer, the first day a member joins! We must constantly work to keep members happy and find new ways to maintain members' satisfaction. Retaining members is in fact just as difficult as attracting new members. Many times, we focus on recruitment without taking time to work with new members and getting them acclimated into the group. Happy, satisfied members are motivated to do good for the club. There are many ways to keep members happy. The following suggestion came from former PI Membership Coordinator (2019-2020), Rita Springs. You do not need an elaborate plan to achieve this. Sometimes just being asked means a lot so in one of your future meetings, have every member anonymously write changes that they would like to see in the club which would make them happy.

This shows your membership that you care about the reason they joined the club initially. And will give you an idea about things that will increase the feeling of satisfaction arrived from being a member of the club. Maybe in the New Year, you club can implement some of the suggestions gained from this exercise and possibility see some changes in the attitude of your members. Most people join an organization because they want to do something for their community. But they also want to get something out of being a member. The above suggested activity will make you aware of ideas & thoughts of your membership which will make them happy and add to their level of satisfaction. This type of attitude is contagious and can lead to others becoming interested in joining your club.

So, after we find new members, we should take good care of them! Allow the enthusiasm of new members to permeate our clubs, breathing fresh air into meetings. As we identify interests and talents of each Pilot member both new & seasoned, and match them with various projects, the attitude of satisfaction and happiness become prevalent with all our members.....which is contagious! Together we can "Make a Difference"!

Ann

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"MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LEADERSHIP...CHOOSING OUR LEADERS"

Happy New Year GA Pilots!

Many of you may have already read this sentiment online, but with a visual. But since I can't copy the visual, I will ask you imagine a wolf pack traversing a snow-covered landscape. The article is called "How Leadership Works in a Wolf Pack.

- The three in front are older and sick. They walk in front to set the pace of the running group lest they get left behind.
- The next five are the strongest and best. They are tasked to protect the front side if there is an attack.
- The pack is in the middle are always protected from an attack.
- The five behind them are also among the strongest and best. They are tasked to protect the back side if there is an attack.
- The last one is the leader. He ensures that no one is left behind. He keeps the pack unified and a on the same path. He is always ready to run in any direction to protect and serves as the "bodyguard" to the entire group.

-Author unknown

I think this is a great example showing that the leader isn't always the first one out of the gate or across the finish line. That she is the one that makes sure the team is working well, together, and as strong as it can be. And of course...let's replace all the "He's" with "She's"!

Best wishes for the New Year.

Robin

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