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GOVERNOR DURRETT'S MESSAGE

Happy Easter!! I do hope all of you had a hopping relaxing day surrounded by family and friends. It is like Thanksgiving and Christmas to have a big brunch or dinner with tons of loved ones! If, like me, you went to a restaurant because you were still recovering from convention – well that's okay too!! We didn't have much of a sunrise here but I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing yours!!

AND speaking of hopping and convention in the same sentence --- how do you like your hopping DEC?!?! Just so you know, we had practiced and practiced and thought we had that hopping down pat! Then your governor became tickled and laughed so much, she lost count of the beat and the rest was history. We did have a ton of fun putting it together for you, so hope you found it tickled your funny bone as well. Convention was awesome and Pilots, you did a fantastic job! Who would have ever thought when we decided on socks as our District project that we would end up with almost 4000 pairs!!! Oh, my goodness, you more than exceeded any expectations your DEC might have had!! All the workshops were well attended. Even when the Parliamentary procedure one was held, I didn't see any one falling asleep. Voting went smooth. Our Anchors were excited to be there and our awards luncheon exciting, especially for the winners! The food was good (always a plus) and our accommodations excellent. Best of all, was the fellowship enjoyed by all – our ECR said it was one of the best she had attended. Georgia District is a dynamite district and it shows!! Thank YOU for making it so!

Spring has sprung –though today's weather may not agree. Spring also depicts spring cleaning, so let's use this month to be sure our Pilot work is cleaned up for the new leaders. We should use this time to review our annual plans of work and finish our projects and fundraisers to prepare for the 2023-2024 plans. Your new officers should be elected and their installation planned. Do not let these three months be "lame duck" months. Work on membership also. Increasing members in the spring can help you to train workers for your upcoming projects.

PI convention is right around the corner as well. Your registrations can still be sent in but you need to do so quickly. Definitely consider going to the fundraising activities as Rhona and her crew have been busy planning some fulfilled times. Seattle and Bellevue are beautiful places to visit and so totally different from our Georgia landscape. When you return home, plan to use the ideas and workshops from PI to work with your club. This year, the DEC decided to have the region workshops after PI convention, in order to be able to give clubs and officers are more thorough training. It was thought that all the clubs would definitely have officers in place and at least one of them would have been to PI. Hopefully having the training sessions in August will allow more Pilots to attend and give all a greater insight as to the expectations of holding an office. Your Lt Governor will be getting with you after convention to set up a time and place. All your DEC (including your past governor – that's me!) will be available to help.

REMINDER: Do not forget to file your club's corporation fee for the year with the Secretary of State's office. It was to be done by April 1, to avoid a penalty. However, it must be done, so please do so promptly.

Be kinder than necessary, everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle! **MAKE A DIFFERENCE – SPREAD YOUR SMILE – SHARE A RAY OF SUNSHINE**

Durrett



Our District Officers with GA ECR Susan Kahl wearing their Pjs at the DC Friday night Welcome Party





INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE



I hope you enjoy this inspiration.

The Ship of Friendship

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea, and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert-like island. The two survivors who have been good friends, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God.

However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island. The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. But the other man's parcel of land remained barren.

After a week, the first man was lonely, and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing. Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, more food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered, and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings." "Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "What did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"

"He prayed that all your prayers be answered"

Moral: For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us (Congregational Prayer). Value your friends, don't leave your loved ones behind. --- Unknown-

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2022-23 Governor Durrett & 2023-24 Governor Avaline Adams at the District Convention Installation

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

Table with 2 columns: Pilot, Club. Rows include Petrea Annette Ward (Elberton), Sharon Brown (Emeritus Member) (Royston-FS)

Table with 2 columns: Pilot/Family, Club. Row includes Jennifer Downer (Brother) (Elberton)



Welcome New Members

New GA District Pilots

- Eula Key (Haralson County), Tandy Ray (Gainesville), Margaret Woodall (Gainesville), Candace Wells Summerall (Cochran), Gennell Monaghan (Cochran), Patricia Franzen (Heard County), Sarah Fulford (Cuthbert)



Past Governor & Past PI President

Cindy Weaver
(1995-1996 PG)
(2005-2006 PIP)
April 10

Past Governors

Robin Williams
(2021-2022)
April 12

Dene' Dixon
(1995-1996 FL District)
April 23



2023-24 GA District Officers

- (LtoR) Bennie Mattox (SW Lt. Gov.-Cuthbert), Ann Lastinger (SE Lt. Gov.-Washington Co.), Angela Gillis (NW Lt. Gov.-Peachtree), Mary Turner (NE Lt. Gov.-Elberton), Cynthia Spearman (EC Lt. Gov.-Covington), Avaline Adams (Governor-Lavonia), Maureen Stoy (Governor-Elect-Cochran), Mary Sue Ward (Secretary-Adel), Shelby Holland (Treasurer-Toccoa)





MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Thanks to all of you for making our 2023 District Convention a wonderful weekend at Lake Lanier Islands! I appreciate all of your smiles, greetings and kind words that you offered. I am honored to have been installed as your 2023-2024 Governor and look forward to working with each of you in our new Pilot year.

Congratulations to our new Officers and Appointees! Several have already been at work with District Convention workshops and others will be at work soon preparing for Fall Council and their upcoming year.

All of our Lt. Governors have decided to wait until August to hold their Regional Workshops. Each Lt. Governor will be able to share all the valuable information they learn at Pilot International Convention. We hope many of you will join us a PI Convention in Bellevue, Washington June 28-July 2.

By May 1st all clubs will have voted on their new slate of officers and will have mailed in the Club Officers Form. Use these next couple of months to teach, mentor and help the new officer's transition go smoothly. Even if you have served before, old forms have been streamlined and new ones added, dates have changed, and expectations of the position have increased. Lend a hand in leading and mentoring all your incoming officers.

I am excited to share my journey with you as we *Serve with a Passion!*

Avaline

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TRANSITIONING SERVICE PROJECTS

Hello Pilots!

As we focus our attention to transition preparation, we are likely in need of refining project goals for our upcoming Pilot year. Transitioning our projects can be a challenging but rewarding process that can have a greater impact on the communities we serve. By successfully transitioning projects, Pilots keep **making a difference** by creating new opportunities for growth and innovation.

One key to a successful transition is to involve members in the planning process. By getting input from members, volunteers, and community members, we can ensure that everyone's needs and ideas are taken into consideration.

Another important aspect of transitioning service projects is to clearly define the goals and vision of the project. This helps to ensure that the project remains focused and stays true to its Pilot purpose of focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others. By keeping the community's needs in mind, Pilots can ensure that the project continues to **make a difference** in the lives of those it serves. Overall, transitioning service projects can be a powerful way to continue **making a difference** in the community. By staying focused on the project's purpose and involving members in the process, we can ensure a successful transition that benefits everyone involved.

Keep up the fantastic work Georgia Pilots!

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



Hello Pilots.

A friend of mine share this with me and I was inspired to send along to each of you. I think this would be a great exercise with your club and especially your leaders. Enjoy!

Are We A Team? (Levin & Kent, 2001)

Check off the statements that accurately represent your group. Be prepared to discuss your choices afterwards with your group. Also consider ways to improve your group's functioning, especially as it relates to the statements you did NOT check off.

- We all show equal commitment to our objective.
- We all take part in deciding how work should be allocated.
- We are committed to help each other learn.
- We acknowledge good contributions from team members.
- We handle disagreements and conflicts constructively within the team.
- We are able to give constructive criticism to one another and to accept it ourselves.

- We all turn up to meetings and stay until the end.
- We are good at making sure everyone knows what's going on.
- When one of us is under pressure, others offer to help him or her.
- We trust each other.
- We remain united even when we disagree.
- We support each other to outsiders.
- We feel comfortable and relaxed with one another.

Wishing all our leaders the best in our new Pilot year!

Robin

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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

May 1, 2023

New Officers Form
PI Headquarters, incoming District Officers (Gov. Avaline, Gov.-Elect Maureen, Secretary Mary Sue, Treasurer Shelby & your Region Lt. Governor

June 26, 2023

Q4 Club Report
Governor, Governor-Elect, Region Lt. Governor

June 28 – July 1, 2023

101st PI Convention & Leadership Conference
Bellevue, Washington



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

REMINDER: Our District has a Facebook page, so get your members to sign up.



Cochran Club's "Mug Shot" with the 100 Year Mugs PI was selling.



PI Executive Director Wil Butler Sunday's speaker



PGs at District Convention 2023



Friday Night Pajama Party

