



Governor's Bulletin Georgia District

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"Pilots Touching the Lives of Others"

Many people think of February as the Month of Love. This month is an excellent time to do something special for those who may live alone or plan a Valentine Party for the residents in a nursing home or assisted living facility. They love to sing the "old" love songs they grew up singing...and especially enjoy the company of someone taking the time to visit and show them love.

The DAC/DEC met for their Midyear Planning on January 14th -16th and finalized plans for the remainder of the year and our upcoming District Convention. We also worked up the 2011-2012 Budget, which will be presented at District Convention for approval.

We are happy to have Marilyn Ross, from Leawood, Kansas and friend of PI President Susan Hoffman, to be with us for District Convention. She spoke at the Council of Leaders Training in Louisville, Kentucky last July and will be our guest speaker on Saturday as well as leading the Leadership Workshops along with Louise Shimer, District Leadership Coordinator.

We have contracted with the hotel for 100 rooms to be blocked for Friday and Saturday nights...total of 200 rooms for the weekend. Clubs are encouraged to spend the two nights...at least reserve one room per club. The District loses money when we fail to meet our room block.

To make reservations, go our website, www.pilotgeorgia.org and click on Events. Under Conventions scroll down to "make your reservation here." This link contains our group code for the negotiated rate of \$89.00 per room.

Included with this bulletin are forms for District Convention...Registration Form, Market Place Table Reservation Form, and information on the Friday night events. After the Opening Session, we will kick up our heels and have fun at our Pilot Carnival...so wear your jeans and plan on having a fun time as we play games, feast on hot dogs, popcorn and lemonade. There will be a small charge for playing games to help offset any costs we may have incurred for prizes.

Anchor Convention is March 4th -6th...Pilot Clubs are encouraged to help send their Anchors. In fact, Pilots who have previously attended themselves will tell you how much they enjoyed the Anchor Convention...once you have attended you will not want to miss another one.

Esther Foster, Georgia District Governor

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GEORGIA DISTRICT
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The **Vision of Pilot** is to achieve universal awareness and prevention of Brain-related Disorders and Disabilities.



FROM OUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Hello Pilots,
We've made it to the half way point in the Pilot year, I know everyone is glad to have the majority of their fund raisers completed and some or most of your service projects also behind you. Again, I thank you for sharing your club newsletters with me, for that is where I have found out about how busy you all have been!

I've been working already toward my year as your Governor, and one of my areas of responsibilities is to coordinate the Region workshops that will occur after District Convention. Please be sure to share this information with your club members, as this is a great opportunity for training and sharing of ideas.

April 30, 2011

- Northeast Madison County Pilots, TBA
Lt. Gov. Vonnie Brown
- Southeast Chatham Co. Pilot Club, White Bluff
Presbyterian Church,
10710 White Bluff Rd., Savannah
Lt. Gov. Beverly McKenna
- West Central Jones County Pilot Club, Elam Baptist
Church in Gray, GA
Lt. Gov. Beverly Garner

May 14, 2011

- East Central Eatonton Pilot Club, First Baptist Church,
115 N. Madison St., Eatonton
Lt. Gov. Jacque Kristoff
- Southwest Bainbridge Pilot Club, First Baptist Church
Lt. Gov. Gail Sharber
- Northwest TBA, Lt. Gov. Emily Jorgenson

Nancy Miller, Georgia District Governor-elect

UPDATED GEORGIA DISTRICT WEBSITE

Have you visited the Georgia District website recently. It really looks good and something Georgia Pilots should be proud of. We thank Gary Shimer, son of Louise Shimer and member of the Cherokee County Club, for keeping our website updated and running.

GOOD JOB, GARY! Check it out at
www.pilotgeorgia.org.



FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...

Angel In My Heart

An Angel's love is always true
On that you can depend.
They will always stand behind you
And will always be your friend.
Through darkest hours and brightest days
Our Angels see us through.
You are one of my Angels.
Perhaps I am one for you.

Author Unknown

May you know that your Angel is standing by you.

Our District Prayer Chain: cynthiaspearman48@gmail.com

Cynthia Spearman, Georgia District Chaplain



A NOTE FROM YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY

Some club secretaries/treasurers have been failing to send in money for dues when adding new members. A check for the district dues should be sent to Barbara Wright along with the New Member Form and Change in Membership Form...with additional copies being mailed to PI, the governor, governor elect and secretary. A copy of the New Member Form and Change in Membership Form should also be mailed along with the international dues to PI. This will make it much easier to keep our club enrollments accurate.

Linda Jones, Georgia District Secretary



EFFECTIVE LISTENING

Louise Shimer, Leadership Coordinator

Recently we talked about the power of communication and how important it is to communicate clearly. You were given suggestions on how to clarify if a person understands what you are asking.

"Effective listening" is also one of the most important ingredients for success in all aspects of life – personal and professional. Unfortunately, it is an area where most of us need work. Even the slightest improvement in our listening skills can pay enormous dividends in the way of better relationships, enhanced performance, and stress reduction!

We're going to take a moment and let you to reflect on your own listening skills. Think about how you would answer the following questions.



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- Do you really listen to your friends, family, co-workers or fellow Pilots when they are telling you something?
- Do you let others finish their thoughts before you take your turn? Or do you interrupt them before they are finished?
- Do you sometimes finish sentences for others?
- In meetings, are you patient and responsive or impatient and reactive?
- Do you allow the words of others to sink in, or do you assume you know what the person is trying to say, so you jump in and proceed without listening further?

How did you do? If you are honest, you will admit that, at least some of the time, your listening skills could use some improvement.

There are a number of reasons why effective listening is so important.

First, effective listening will gain you the respect and admiration of others. Truly great listeners are rare . . . they make you feel important and special. So, people who really listen to others are well respected. People tend to be loyal to good listeners because they feel acknowledged and respected.

Second, effective listening helps you get things right the first time. Understanding what someone is saying the first time they say it helps avoid mistakes and misinterpretations. If you ask people what frustrates them or makes them angry, many will tell you that "not being listened to" is near the top of their list. So, being more attentive to what others are saying helps avoid not only mistakes, but many interpersonal conflicts.

Finally, effective listening is an enormous time saver because it helps eliminate sloppy mistakes. Instructions as well as concerns from others become crystal clear when we really listen, thus helping fend off unnecessary, time-consuming errors and "do overs."

Effective listening is so powerful that it can generate immediate and significant results in your relationships . . . that is, once you put it into practice. You may have to work at it . . . but if you do, it will be well worth it. You will find yourself being admired and respected by others and . . . because you avoid mistakes and conflicts, you will find yourself becoming calmer, more peaceful and less stressed.

Ralph Waldo Emerson says, "Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen." So, make a decision to become a better listener and . . . watch as the universe helps you make it happen!



THE IMPORTANCE OF "FUN" RAISING

Judy Jackson, Fundraising Coordinator

During our busy Pilot year of fundraising and projects, let's not forget the importance of "Fun" Raising to keep our members in touch with each other, motivated, and to provide fun and friendship building. Some of the ways our clubs can promote FUN Raising are through Friendship Dinners and Lunch Bunch outings. Friendship dinners (separate and in addition to meetings) can be held at different Pilots' homes as often as monthly or as seldom as once or twice per year.

An officer or a Division Coordinator can be in charge of planning and advertising the Friendship Dinners so that everyone knows well in advance and can plan to be there. It could be a covered dish or a catered event at a home; it could be a soup and muffin dinner prepared by the host Pilot, with one or two members bringing dessert and/or a bottle of wine. Guests are always welcomed; it's just a time to socialize and get to know each other better. It would be a great time to share Pilot with guests/prospective members.

Lunch Bunch outings can be planned by one Pilot in advance at different restaurants and reservations made in advance to accommodate the number of Pilots and guests. These can be held on different weekdays to make it possible for as many Pilots to attend on their day(s) off as possible. These can be done monthly, separate from meetings, or once every few months. These are not for business or meetings, but for friendship building and spending time with each other in a social setting.

Other FUN Raising opportunities are planning an evening at the Fox Theater for a play or performance, the symphony, a local Community Theater performance or musical, or concert at a local college, university, or church. The coordinator or Pilot officer or Pilot in charge of membership or FUN can schedule an event and get Pilot reservations for tickets, arrange car pools, etc. This is always a great opportunity for an enjoyable evening with a group of Pilot friends!

Don't forget about FUN Raising in your Pilot work and schedules. It will really reap benefits in building a stronger membership, more dedicated members, as well as extending Pilot friendship to others in your community. Take pictures at your FUN outings and put them in your local paper to promote awareness of your club and its social outings, as well as the service aspect of the club. Always include a club member's contact information in your press releases and photo information for those interested in learning more about your club. There may be community members who would like to become a part of your group and just need to know who to contact.



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If your club has a new or successful fundraiser (either large or small) you would be willing to share in our workshop at District Convention, please email me at jsjshes@att.net. Enjoy the winter and plan a FUN Raising outing soon! Spring and District Convention are just around the corner



MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Tatum, Membership Co-Chair

As you may be aware, service organizations have faced a decline in membership in recent years. Pilot International has faced that challenge, too. We were very excited to receive the latest

membership numbers from PI recently. As of December 31, 2010, we had 55 more members than we had at the end of November. The Georgia District has had a decrease in membership since July 1, 2010.

Why am I mentioning this to you? I don't want anyone or any club to dwell on a negative aspect of membership. I want you to dwell on the positive number of 55 new members in Pilot International. March is membership month, and I encourage you to put forth some effort to get new members during this time. My club got a new member this past Monday night. If every club in Georgia District got just one new member, what a difference that would make (62 members)! If ever club in the Georgia District got two new members, it would be wonderful! Is that too much to ask of ourselves?

I hope to see very soon that your club has at least one new member. Be sure to send in the information forms and dues as soon as possible after your new member joins.

Congratulations!!

The Cook County/Adel Chamber of Commerce recently selected **Linda Meadows**, President, Pilot Club of Adel, as the Woman of the Year.

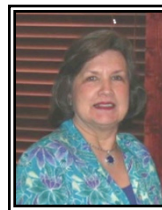
Linda retired after 36 years with the Cook County school system and was selected as the STAR Teacher three times and was Cook County's Teacher of the Year in 1984.

She is involved in several local organizations as well as Pilot Club of Adel. She said her greatest accomplishment thus far was being Georgia's first National Board Certified Teacher of Social Studies in 1999. Linda, we congratulate you for this special recognition!

PILOT 'JEOPARDY' EDUCATES MEMBERS

The Pilot Club of Washington County played 'Jeopardy' at a recent club meeting. The game was designed to help members learn more about Pilot facts and acronyms.

Each Pilot team chose a 'Category' and was asked to give the correct question. Each category had a point value. Points were tallied at the end of the game and the winning team received 100 grand, candy bar that is! This was a fun way to refresh the memories of seasoned Pilots and served to educate 'newer' members. Everyone enjoyed the game, even the losing teams who received dum dum suckers!



GEORGIA DISTRICT ANCHOR CLUBS

Lynda Goodwin, Anchor Coordinator

It is one month and counting until the Georgia District Anchor Convention. The dates are March 4-6, 2011. The place is Legacy Lodge and Conference Center at beautiful Lake Lanier Islands. The theme is "Anchors Got Talent." The Anchor District officers have planned a fun-filled weekend. Friday night begins with a welcome party and talent show by the Anchors. Saturday, we get down to business of the district, elect new officers, and continue our reality show theme with workshops like "Good Eats" (how to eat healthy fast food and other tips), two active workshops to keep us fit and healthy – "Protecting Yourself from the Paparazzi" (kickboxing) and a "Zumba" dance class. Choices of three more workshops follow, including "Anchors Next Top Model" (skincare), "Inside Edition" (networking), and "Access Hollywood" (icebreakers and games). The evening ends with "A Walk on the Red Carpet" (awards banquet) and "So You Think You Can Dance?" (DJ dance party) We will have two service projects - a Hospital Art Paintfest and a letter writing session for the military.

Freedom's Foundation is scheduled for Feb 24-27, 2011 in Valley Forge, PA. I hope to take two district officers and I am hearing that several Anchor Clubs will be sending delegates. Please notify me if your Anchor Club will be represented so I'll know who will be there and we can coordinate schedules.



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A few Georgia District Anchor Clubs still owe PI and District dues. I recently sent an email reminder. Please make sure your Anchor Clubs are up to date on paying their dues.

I would love to feature your Anchor Club in "Anchor's Aweigh." Send or email an article with pictures by April 1 for the spring issue.

Please contact me with any questions or suggestions at Lynda@edgoodwinassociates.com.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
PILOT CLUB OF HEARD COUNTY ON
THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY
JANUARY 17, 2011**

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS
The Georgia District would like to welcome all the newest members to our organization! WELCOME!!

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Sandy Howell	Bainbridge	Carolyn Thompson
Cynthia Lyon	Elberton	Beth Campbell
Kimberly Crowe	Elberton	Martha Jones
Ashley Leighann Berry	Elberton	Connie Dixon
Deborah Searles	Macon	Dyann Moore
Dallas Jane Roper	Macon	Patricia Williams
Karen Harrison	Madison Co.	Paulette Cooper
Karen Kinsler	Warner Robins	Evelyn McCain and Brenda Walker
Frenda Moore	Toccoa	Diane Lecroy



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



DAC/DEC
Esther Foster – February 20

Past Governors
Melodie Smith – February 8

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



Pilot	Pilot Club
H. V. Kesler	Lavonia

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Pat Kesler	Lavonia	Husband
Cynthia Denman	Atlanta	Father
LeSean Abney	Atlanta	Grandmother
Katherine Banning	Atlanta	Grandmother
Emily Andrews	Cuthbert	Mother-in-law
Emily Andrews	Cuthbert	Brother
Joyce Peacock	Eastman	Mother
June Jones	Eastman	Mother
Marguerite Judson	Gainesville	Nephew
Lea Judson	Gainesville	Cousin
Gail Edwards	Madison Co.	Mother
Cindy Weaver	Past PI President PC Atlanta	Uncle
Norma McKellar	Moultrie	Father-in-law
Norma McKellar	Moultrie	Cousin
Patti Klein	Past GA Dist Gov Former member of PC of Atlanta	Mother
Anne Sutton	Griffin	Mother
Joyce Rankin	Macon	Husband

DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline for Pacesetter and 250 Goals and Grants (to be recognized at DC) – February 1, 2011
District Award Entry Forms due – send to Norma McKellar, Awards Chair (Ann Adams Attendance, Edwina Gill Growth, Vivian Hartman Memorial, Nancy Henrick Friendship and Service and Safety and Service) – February 25, 2011

Freedom's Foundation – February 24-27, 2011 (for Anchors)
Deadline for scholarship applications to District PIF Representative – March 1, 2011

Anchor Convention, Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Islands – March 4-6, 2011
Brain Awareness Week – March 14 – 20, 2011
TALK PILOT DAY – March 17, 2011
District Convention, Marriott, Atlanta Gwinnett Place, Duluth, GA – April 1-3, 2011
Region Workshop (SE, NE, WC) – April 30, 2011
Region Workshop (EC, NW, SW) – May 14, 2011
PI Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Dallas, TX – July 13-16, 2011



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**2011 DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION
 GEORGIA DISTRICT PILOT INTERNATIONAL**

MARRIOTT ATLANTA GWINNETT PLACE, 1775 PLEASANT HILL RD, DULUTH, GA, APRIL 1-3, 2011

Name (as it will appear on name tag): _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone No. _____ Work Phone No. _____

Email Address _____

Pilot Club _____ Region _____

Special Dietary Restrictions _____
 and/or ADA Needs _____

Check One Only

- Pilot _____
- Past Gov _____
- Past PI Pres _____
- Current Dist Officer _____
- First Timer _____
- Co-Pilot _____
- Other _____
- Delegate _____

Mail this form and your club or personal check to:

Barbara Wright, Treasurer
 Georgia District PI
 4012 Five Bridges Rd.
 Blakely, GA 39823

Make check payable to:

**GEORGIA DISTRICT CONVENTION
 MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
 FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011**

DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Full Registration	\$125 _____
Late Registration (postmarked after March 18)	\$140 _____
Extra Saturday Luncheon	\$ 28 _____
Extra Saturday Banquet	\$ 40 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Registration refunds available by contacting Governor Esther. Cancellations will incur a service fee and only \$75 will be refunded.

No refunds after March 18, 2011

HOTEL RESERVATIONS- \$89 per night- go online to "pilotgeorgia.org", click on Conventions-scroll to hotel info



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Georgia District Convention Market Place

There are a limited number of tables,
so reserve yours soon.

\$25.00 per table

Please fill out the bottom half of this page
and return with check
before March 18, 2011.

Name _____

For entire weekend (Friday night/Saturday).
Includes draped and skirted tables.
You must supply your own electrical equipment.
May be set up on Friday afternoon.

MAIL TO: Barbara Wright
Georgia District PI
4012 Five Bridges Road
Blakely, GA 39823



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2011 GEORGIA DISTRICT SWAP PIN ORDER FORM



Make check payable to Georgia District, Pilot International. Please indicate "for Swap Pin" on check.

Mail order form and check to: Barbara Wright, Treasurer
Georgia District, PI
4012 Five Bridges Road
Blakely, Georgia 39832

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # (____) _____

Pilot Club of _____

Number of Pins _____ \$1.25

Amount of Check enclosed \$ _____

**DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDERS IS MARCH 15, 2011.
PINS WILL BE DELIVERED AT DISTRICT CONVENTION IN ATLANTA AND AT REGION
WORKSHOPS.**



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Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc.



CONTRIBUTION FORM

The Georgia Pilot Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, charitable foundation, which currently provides post secondary education scholarships to Georgia District Anchor Club members, as well as to benefit people with disabilities and brain related disorders.

Please send your gift, along with this completed form to: **BARBARA WRIGHT**
2010-11 GA DIST. TREASURER
4012 FIVE BRIDGES ROAD
BLAKELY, GA 39832

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ as a:

- Memorial Gift in Memory of _____
- Honorarium Gift in Honor of _____
- Special Gift _____
- Other Gift _____

Please send an Acknowledgement to:

Name _____

Address _____

GIVEN BY: Name _____

Address _____

Pilot Club _____



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Layout Editor is Tammy Purcell.
Articles are due on the 10th of the month preceding the publication date.
Please e-mail articles to Esther Foster at estherfoster@windstream.net.
Every effort will be made to publish news by clubs.
Articles may be edited to fit space.

Club Presidents: Please pass on a copy of the Governor's Bulletin to EACH member of your club. If lack of money for photocopying is a problem, bring a few copies of the Governor's Bulletin to your meeting and pass them around for everyone to read. Have each member initial it when he/she has read it.



Esther Foster
PI Georgia District Governor
107 Pineview Road, Gray, GA 31032



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