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"Seasons of Service - Be Inspired"

Hello Pilots,



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Oh you folks!! I am so proud of you, another month and more new members. Look at how well you are doing. I hope some of those folks will be coming with you to Fall Council, you know it is next week, October 8, 2011 in Macon, GA. This is also a last minute reminder that you may still register those who made up their minds late. This may be our last year at Vineville Methodist, as our site committee has been working hard on looking at new venues for both Fall Council and District Conventions. We will be having a great time together on Saturday and those who are presenting workshops have worked really hard on giving you the most information and facts that you will be able to use this year.

I will be on a conference call on Thursday, September 29 with the Executive Committee and Peggy Davidson to discuss the finalization of our 501©3 status. I will update you all when I have the information to share.

I hope you all have chosen your club PIF Sweetheart and have your check and information in the mail to PI Headquarters. REMEMBER, no more P.O. Box address. **All mail goes to their street address, 102 Preston Court, Macon, GA 31210-5768.** I have also received the Audit Committee report and will try to get it e-mailed out to your club president's very soon. The group did an outstanding job, and we are on solid footing. Many thanks to our past District Treasurer, Barbara Wright, for a great job. Working on Fall Council has been taking up most of my time lately, will be back on track after the 8th!

If your club is sponsoring a Brain Power Walk this Saturday, please make sure to share pictures and a write up that we could share in the next Governor's Bulletin. We all want to know what you did, how you did it and just share the fun with everyone.

A final reminder that Flu season is upon us and I really hope all of you will be getting your shot very soon! We have already given out over 600 shots at Georgia College and we still have many more to get vaccinated.

Have a great Fall season and I'll be seeing you very soon.

Yours in Pilot,

Nancy Miller, Georgia District Governor



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





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Celebrate All That Binds Us Together

Susan Polis Schutz

Celebrate
 the budding flowers
 the clear blue sky
 the deep green forests
 the perfect full moon
 the twinkling stars
 Celebrate
 the miracle of a baby
 the optimism of children
 the laughter of adolescents
 the responsibility of adults
 the wisdom of our elders
 Celebrate
 the love in our hearts
 the spirit in our souls
 the health of our bodies
 Celebrate
 all that binds us together
 as one.

Lets all celebrate this wonderful organization known as Pilot International - the organization that "binds us together". Give thanks to our founders and to the vision and dreams that they had to create this service organization - and to each of the leaders and individuals that continue to have visions and dreams to make Pilot even stronger! Lets celebrate!

If you would like to be included on the GA District prayer board, please send me your name and e-mail address. My address is jrakers@bellsouth.net.

Blessings always, *JoAnn Akers*



FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

Cindy Tatum

October is membership month. Have you planned a special activity to showcase your club to prospective members?

Does your club sponsor an Anchor Club? The more interaction your Pilots have with your Anchors, the more likely they will be to become Pilots in the future. They need to see the close relationship that your club members have and the fun that you have at club meetings and other events. No youth group suffers from too many adults participating, only from too few.

One of my fondest memories of some of our Anchors was from a Georgia District Convention. Two of our Anchors attended and stayed in the hotel room with four Pilots. Now, that was an adventure with wall-to-wall beds and one



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bathroom for six women. Saturday night one of the girls told us, "You ladies are crazy." They loved staying with us, and they thoroughly enjoyed the convention. If they enjoy spending time with your Pilot club, their mothers (and daddies) might be more interested in becoming Pilots.

What can you do to be sure that you keep your members? Does anyone call or e-mail members who are absent? Staying in touch with members is vitally important. We all know that when you miss a meeting you feel disconnected. If you miss several meetings, you feel totally left out. That makes it much too easy not to come back.

I would love to hear from any of you about ways you get members, activities that you have to get new members, or new ways to keep your members involved. Please e-mail me at tatumcindy@ymail.com.

MONEY MAKING FUNDRAISING

IDEAS

Norma McKellar



A handyman once said, "You only need two tools in life...WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape." I've yet to find any fundraising ideas using WD-40, but here's one using duct tape!

In many schools and on numbers of college campuses, much money has been raised by having 2 items: duct tape and a brave volunteer. The volunteer is actually taped to a wall! With some fairly simple planning and the "right" volunteer, Pilots can raise funds as well as their visibility during community events such as festivals and bazaars.

The potential for this event is probably between \$100 and \$500 depending on the enthusiasm spread during promotion, the choice of volunteer and the price of the duct tape. The promotion of the activity is vital. This type event goes over well at local well-attended fairs and festivals in the fall and spring. Be sure to hand out and post as many fun flyers as you can telling who, what, when, where, why and how much. Check to see if you can be included in the actual fair or festival advertisements. Your volunteer can be a political figure, the sheriff, popular school figures or even some sports personalities. Here in Moultrie we would probably be most successful with our local football coach and some players (and maybe even a cheerleader). Next decide on how to charge for the tape. You might sell one length of tape for a set price or have variations.

You will definitely need to plan ahead for many things, even the safety of your volunteer! In addition to club members selling tape and seeing to the needs of your volunteer, you might consider an MC or someone who can

keep up interest. You'll need plenty of space including wall space, chairs and helpers, tables for money, tape, scissors (you may prefer to rip the duct tape instead of using scissors). Your volunteer needs to be schooled as to what will happen, they should wear old clothing. It's recommended that thick garbage bags be used over the clothing before duct tape is added.

On the day of the event make sure your volunteer is safe at all times. The volunteer stands on a chair with their back to the wall and the taping begins. Make sure everyone uses "good taping rules" (no taping on skin or hair). Give suggestions to those taping to be sure to use lots of tape at the waist, upper legs and arms. The top portion of the body needs the most tape. When all the tape is up, everyone makes room as the chair is removed and everyone anxiously waits to see if the volunteer actually adheres to the wall.

Tried and true methods for raising money are fine, but occasionally we might need to bravely try new and unusual methods. We also know fundraising can be a "sticky" situation sometimes. With this event that's exactly what you're hoping for!



LEADERSHIP

Esther Foster, Leadership Coordinator

This is the latest article by Sheri Lynn Dunik, PI Leadership Coordinator, and can be found on Facebook and Twitter. I wanted to share it with everyone. It is also posted on

Pilot's Facebook page. Check out other articles by her on Facebook.

Reflections and Sacrifice

Don't look now, but summer's over! Fall arrived with the autumnal equinox, which occurred Friday, just after 5:04 a.m. EDT. I'd be lying, though, if I didn't tell you that part of me is sad to say good-bye to the long, carefree, and relaxing days of summer. But the other half of me is looking forward to getting back to a sense of structure in my days. This feeling probably dates back to being in school, when the slight temperature drop meant heading back to the classroom.

Summer quickly exhales her last warm breath as autumn arrives in a faint, cool breeze. When the seasons change, I begin reflecting on deeper layers of myself. Winter signals to me a slow silence that prepares me for an inner rebirth in the spring. Summer teaches me to relax and "go with the flow," and fall takes center stage as I reflect and let go.

Everything about the fall invites letting go and self-reflection. The light fades, days are shorter, trees begin to drop their foliage – the season almost begs us to sit nightly by the fire and stare into the embers and golden of light and reflect on what habits, behaviors, or negative thoughts

we are going to relinquish before the slow silence of winter sets in. Summer brings reconnection with others in picnics, and reunions; fall is a time to reconnect to ourselves. Of course we can reconnect with ourselves any time of year, the stimuli of fall naturally encourages us to do so.

Now is the time to ask yourself: **"What is it time to let go of?"**

One of the most common misunderstandings of people in leadership is the thought that leaders have extra perks and advantages. But what people might not understand is that leaders constantly let go and give up.

As I mentioned in a past podcast, football season is here. As you know I am born and raised in Pittsburgh. I grew up in the "City of Champions." In the 1970's the Pittsburgh Steelers won not just *one* back-to-back championships, but two. When I was in high-school, the Pittsburgh Penguins won back-to-back championships.

Why are back-to-back championships so rare?

The answer is simple. People assume that a championship team can duplicate the same results by doing the same thing. Have you ever noticed some teams come back (no matter what the sport) to the new season and lose? That's because players make the mistake of failing to prepare themselves for the next year's challenges. They become reluctant to make additional sacrifices by training in the off-season. And what won the team a championship last year is not what keeps them there. Leadership is the same; it requires continual change, constant improvement, and sacrificing by letting go.

Most people have been on a diet at some point in their lives. They might let go of eating candy to reach their goal. They might sacrifice the pleasure of drinking a fattening latte. Whatever it is, they are willing to trade something of value to gain something *more* valuable.

I have become a fan of the television reality show, Storage Wars. In the show they auction the contents of abandoned storage units. Have you ever seen a live auction? It is very exciting. The auctioneer speaks very fast, everyone present gets excited with hearts racing as fast as he speaks. Lots of people start out bidding on an item, however; as the price goes up, the item has fewer and fewer bidders. In the end, only one person is willing to pay the price for an item.

The same is true with leadership; the higher you ascend, the more it's going to cost you. Leaders are willing to pay the price. They know that to be successful, they must change. They have to let go of what was successful yesterday to be a champion tomorrow.



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No success comes without sacrifice. When you see success, you can be sure someone sacrificed to make it possible. Even if you do not see your own success, you can be sure someone in the future will benefit from what you have given.

What have you given up in the past in order to reach a goal? So, what are you willing to let go this fall to help you reach your goal? What one thing would you give up today that would move you closer to a goal you set for yourself?

Take time to sit by that fire this season. Reflect on what you can give up, and what will you focus on instead. Set that goal, and pick up a fallen leaf. Write down on that leaf what you are going to let go off, and allow the cool faint breeze of fall to carry it away.

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PILOT CLUBS JOINING FORCES TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Angela Gillis, Projects Coordinator

Atlanta area Pilot clubs come together each year to support Georgia Artists with DisAbilities (GAWD).

PC of Atlanta, Cherokee, Covington, Conyers, Marietta, Peachtree and Sweetwater clubs have joined together to celebrate the 27th Art Exhibition for Disabled Artists throughout Georgia.

Congratulations on a successful event held on September 24th at Georgia Power Company in downtown Atlanta. GAWD engaged 85 artists with 230 pieces of art on exhibit.

This year GAWD invited the Roswell Anchors to assist, Boy did they come out in large numbers to hang art for the exhibit! Even Governor Nancy Miller participated on program greeting the artists and their families on behalf of the Georgia Pilot District.

Because these Pilot Clubs have come together, they help fulfill the mission of GAWD - To provide mediums through which Georgia artists with disabilities can display their artistic accomplishments to all disciplines of the arts. To create public awareness of the artistic skills that these artists have developed by overcoming the obstacles of a disability

Got a project which is massive and requires lots of volunteers? Consider joining forces with other Pilot Clubs in your area or region. You will be surprised how successful your project can be!



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Club Highlight:

This year the Pilot Club of Conyers has taken a more active role with the Special Olympics in Rockdale County. In addition to giving a monetary donation, Pilots are helping individuals involved in Special Olympics practice their skills for district tournaments. Last spring they helped with bowling skills - moving wheelchairs, retrieving balls, giving tips, encouraging, and being cheerleaders. Now, they are in the middle of preparing for the bocce ball tournament at the end of October. The club is learning the rules of this game, how to play, how to score, and again being the best cheerleaders Pilots can be. It has been a learning experience, very rewarding, and a lot of fun!

*Do all the good you can,
In all the ways you can,
For all the people you can,
While you can!*



GEORGIA PILOT FOUNDATION

Sherry McDuffie, GPF Representative

Seasons of Service, Be Inspired to sell, sell, sell tickets for the GPF/PIF fundraiser for this year. We will be at Fall Council in Macon October 8, 2011 handing out packets of 60 tickets for each club or individual to sell. Both foundations need donations. You can have mini fundraisers each month at your meetings to raise the extra money for these tickets. If you do not have a representative at Fall Council, let Robin know and she will mail the tickets.

Here's the bottom line. If each Pilot will buy \$20.00 worth of tickets, we will do well. Last year we split \$9,700 between the two foundations, but we can do much better. I was looking back at my records of previous years and at District Convention 2004, we raised \$11,266 with a drawing for just GPF. We gave away two \$1,000 Visa cards. Surely we can raise that much for a combined GPF/PIF fundraiser.

\$3,000 in prizes will be awarded from the fundraising proceeds. We will be drawing for nine baskets or bags to help you celebrate the "Seasons of Service". There will be 8 seasonal bags with \$250 in cash and one bag to celebrate all the seasons with \$1,000 in cash.

We are asking all clubs to please use the \$50 previously used for purchasing gift cards to instead purchase additional tickets for the fundraiser in your clubs' name. This could be a great opportunity for your club to win cash to use for one of your community projects.

The tickets will sell for \$10.00 each or 4 for \$20.00 which is a half price savings. The drawing will be held at Georgia District Convention on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Atlanta Gwinnett Marriott in Duluth.

Also, all donations to GPF and for this drawing are to be sent to Robin Perry this year. She will also be handling any requests for this drawing. Her information is below.

Again, thanks for your continued support of our fundraisers and the Georgia Pilot Foundation.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Grant Applications due to PIF District Rep. –
October 1, 2011

Pilot Brain Power Walk, October 1, 2011

Fall Council, Vineville Methodist Church, Macon, GA -
October 8, 2011

Founder's Day - October 18, 2011

Anchor Dues deadline – November 1, 2011

IRS 990 or 990EZ mailed – November 15, 2011

Anchor Convention, Legacy Lodge, Lake Lanier Islands -
March 2-4, 2012

District Convention, Gwinnett Place Marriott, Duluth, GA -
April 13-15, 2012

Happy Halloween




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THANK YOU

Dear Georgia District Pilots,

There are inadequate words to express my many thanks and appreciation for the beautiful bouquet of flowers sent to me when I was in Baylor Hospital and Baylor Institute of Rehab in Dallas, Texas.

Every time I looked at them I thought of all the wonderful Pilots I have met by being a member of a great organization.

Your love, prayers, visits, pretty cards and the sheets that many wrote to me I have enjoyed and still read them.

My doctors say I am doing good and I am. I miss my Pilot friends but plan to be back at Spring Convention. I have gotten a lot of cards from individuals and other Districts.

With Pilot Love,
Winnie Jean Hester
1993-95 Lt. Governor, Southwest Region, Georgia District, Pilot International

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



Pilot	Pilot Club
Myrtle Dunahoo	Winder
Betty Richardson	Emeritus Member, Gainesville

Pilot	Pilot Club	Relationship
Cheekia Cromer	Winder	Mother-in-law
Glenda Toler	Dublin	Mother
Barbara Ridley	Haralson Co.	Mother
Ann Adams	Hartwell	Brother

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Lynn Brown	Eastman	
May McDaniel	Manchester-Warm Springs	Duffey Gill
Susan Singleton	Manchester-Warm Springs	Michelle Shohfi
Susan P. Williams	Blakely	Cindy Morgan
Suzanne Moore	Elberton	
Docia Thaxton	Cedar Valley	Linda Miller
Linda Sue Lovett	Statesboro	Helen Winstead
Peggy Britt Greene	Perry	Dot Price
Jacqueline Clark Trotter	Perry	Marg Thrower
Margaret Jo Crum	Perry	Dot Price
Patricia A. Myers	Perry	Linda Doyle, Joyce Green



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

PAST GA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Margaret Johnston - October 3
Evelyn McCain - October 18
Hazel Sweger - October 23
Myrna Warner - October 28

The Pilot Club of Carrollton presents

An Evening of Bluegrass

Sunnyside Cafe - Moonshadow Music Hall

Thursday, October 13, 2011

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Grass Backards, Little Creek, The George Britt Band

Come early and eat dinner at Sunnyside

(not included in price of ticket)

Tickets can be purchased at

Sunnyside Café

Limited Seating

Door prizes and Cash Bar

Tickets \$15.00

All proceeds will benefit programs sponsored by the Pilot Club of Carrollton promoting awareness of brain-related disorders, and helping those affected through volunteer activities, education and financial support.

For more information on Pilot Club of Carrollton please visit our website www.pilotclubofcarrollton.org or call Jane Carroll 404-314-6011



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GPF / PIF



“Seasons of Inspired Giving”

The Georgia District will be holding a joint fundraiser for the Georgia Pilot Foundation and Pilot International Foundation. Over \$9,700 was raised with last year's Angel Baskets with \$4,852 going to GPF and \$4,852 to PIF.



The funds donated by the Georgia District to the Pilot International Foundation allow all our local clubs to help with needs in our communities through PIF Grants and Scholarships as well as helping to insure that the Georgia District is a \$250 District with Pilot International.

The Georgia Pilot Foundation uses the proceeds to help fund scholarships to deserving Anchors. Along with the \$100 donations made by clubs and individual Pilots, we were able to award \$9,000 in scholarships last year. With the current increase in the cost of tuition for our college students, our district scholarships are needed more than ever by our future leaders.

To encourage greater participation by the Clubs we have made changes to this year's fundraiser. We **are not** asking clubs to donate cards or cash for the prizes. \$3,000 in prizes will be awarded from the fundraising proceeds. We will be drawing for nine baskets or bags to help you celebrate the “Seasons of Service”. There will be 8 seasonal bags with \$250 in cash and one bag to celebrate all the seasons with \$1,000 in cash.

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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: **ROBIN PERRY**
GPF CO-REPRESENTATIVE
PO BOX 1427
DUBLIN, GA 31040

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ as a:

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

Please send an Acknowledgement to:

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Address _____

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